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Chickasaw employment growing at rapid pace

Growth in self-governance initiatives over the last three decades along with an exponential growth in business interests has helped make the Chickasaw Nation a top employer in south central Oklahoma.

While the tribe has seen tremendous growth from a mere 30 employees in 1975 to more than 7,000 employees today, one focus has remained constant. Promoting meaningful employment for Chickasaws has been, and remains, a primary goal of tribal government.

One proof of success is that Chickasaw employees now nearly equal the total number of tribal employees only 10 years ago.

At that time, the tribe had 1,231 employees.

Currently, the Chickasaw Nation employs approximately 1,120 Chickasaw citizens within its boundaries. That total represents more than one of every

20 Chickasaw men, women and children who reside in the area.

Chickasaw citizens comprise approximately 20 percent of tribal employees within the Chickasaw Nation while they comprise only six percent of the population in that area.

That means Chickasaws are about three times more likely to be employed by the tribe than non-Chickasaws.

In tribal government, health care and housing, Chickasaws total 748 workers - over 45% of the total. Non-Chickasaw Indian workers in those programs and services total 436, or 26%, and non-Indian workers total 29%.

"We have maintained a policy of placing Chickasaws in tribal jobs," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "We believe it is important that Chickasaw people work on behalf of their tribe and serve their fellow Chickasaws. This policy has always been of utmost importance."

More than nine and one-half percent of Chickasaw Enterprises employees are Chickasaw, which means Chickasaws are employed more than one and one-half times as often as would happen based on population alone.

Many Chickasaws, however, choose to pursue careers outside of tribal government and businesses.

"Our citizens are attaining success in a wide variety of businesses and careers," said Gov. Anoatubby. "Astronaut John Herrington, Love's Country Stores CEO Tom Love, attorney and former American Bar Association president William Paul are just a few examples of Chickasaws achieving at very high levels. Beyond these, thousands of other Chickasaws are realizing their dreams in numerous diverse fields."

That success within or beyond the tribe is the goal of employ-

ment programs which have been part and parcel of tribal operations for about 30 years.

Kennedy Brown, one of the tribe's first employees in 1975, was director of the Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA). Later, he continued to oversee job training programs under the Job Training Partnership Act.

His job was to help tribal citizens gain the training and education and training needed to secure employment or improve their position in the workforce.

"The names of the programs have changed over the years, but the principle is still the same," said Mr. Brown. "We are still working to help people who are unemployed or underemployed prepare to compete in the work force and become more self-sufficient."

Today, the tribe offers far more education and job training programs than were envisioned

three decades ago.

Over the past 20 years, the Chickasaw Nation Summer Youth program has come to have a tremendous impact on young people and employers in south central Oklahoma.

Last year alone, more than 650 Native American youth ages 14 to 21 gained valuable work experience, tutoring and job search training while earning an average of more than \$200 per week during the eight-week program.

More than 160 participants worked directly for the tribe, while approximately 484 worked for other employers in the tribe's 13-county area.

Students function in a real world workplace where they learn the skills and attitudes needed to succeed.

In addition, the tribe can offer jobs to many of those who complete training programs.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw, aviation pioneer Pearl Scott dies in Marlow

MARLOW, Okla. - Chickasaw Hall of Fame member, tribal legislator and pioneering aviatrix Eula Pearl Carter-Scott, died Easter Sunday, March 27 in Marlow following a long illness. She was 89.

Mrs. Scott was born December 9, 1915 in Marlow, Okla. Her parents were George and Lucy Carter. Her mother was an original enrollee of the Chickasaw Nation.

She was married to the late Lewis Scott. The couple had three children, Louise, Bill and

the late Carter Scott.

Legendary Oklahoma aviator Wiley Post taught Mrs. Scott to fly, and at age 13, she became the youngest pilot in the U.S. in 1928.

Mrs. Scott was inducted into the Oklahoma Aviation and Space Hall of Fame and the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame in 1995.

She has been a role model for many and, to date, three generations of the Scott family are pilots.

"Pearl Scott was truly a leg-



Pearl Scott

Photo courtesy of Martha Larsen end in the history of Oklahoma, the world of aviation and in the Chickasaw Nation," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "The legacy she leaves us is one of hope for better days, love for all things and all people and determination to make contributions to the greater good. She will be missed, but she will be remembered for all her works. No one will fill Pearl's shoes...that would be

impossible. Her memory lives on in all that she has done."

Among her many accomplishments, Mrs. Scott placed raising her children at the top of the list.

Mrs. Scott's father, George Carter, was a close friend of Post and became his first passenger after the famous aviator's solo.

Mrs. Scott was Post's second passenger, and she was so curious about flying that Post began teaching her to operate the plane her first time in the air.

Post gave Mrs. Scott daily lessons for a time, but soon became too busy with his own career to continue.

Seeing her intense interest, Mrs. Scott's father bought her a plane and hired another instructor to continue the lessons.

When she became a licensed pilot in 1928, Mrs. Scott was the country's youngest pilot, and also one of its few female flyers.

Mrs. Scott soon became a skillful aviatrix and spent several years traveling across the country performing aerobatic maneuvers in "air circuses," as air shows were called at the time.

During 2002 ceremonies at the Oklahoma House of Representatives, she was honored for her lifetime achievements.

"In those days we flew where we wanted, when we wanted," Mrs. Scott said during the ceremony. "We didn't tell anybody when we were going to, where we were going to, or why we were going to. We didn't ask anybody's permission. We just took off."

She continued her friendship with Post, and even had the opportunity to fly the Winnie Mae, the famous plane Post piloted around the world in 1930.

Mrs. Scott ended her career

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CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION

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Ada, Oklahoma

January 15, 2005

AGENDA ITEM #1

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2

ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

Member absent: Melvin Burris

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: James A. Humes, Melvin Stoner, Kathleen Stoner, Sue Simmons, Susie Johnston, Terry Factor, Keisha Stevens, Marleen Tims, Don Tims, Betty Smith, Kip Smith, Renee Sweet, Debra D. Vaughn, Phyllis Avanzini, Jimme Sweat, Lahoma Lowe, Lottie Routzong, Hiawatha Reed, David Brown, Lonie Burris, Jerry Sweet, Robert Cole, Ruth Cole, Carolee Maxwell, Linda Sweat, Mary Ann Lee, Clarence W. Lee, Rita Loder, Wayne Scribner, Jerry Imotichey, T.W. Shannon, Catherine Wood, Jay Keel, Robyn Elliott, Liz Johnston, John Nail, John Puller, Jessie Kemp, Rodney Brown, Lynda Brown, Matthew Morgan, Deanna Hartley Kelso, Debra Gee, Heath Allison, Mooniene Ogee, Mary A. Alexander, Samuel Alexander, Lisa Impson, Margaret Downing

AGENDA ITEM #3

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4

READING OF MINUTES - December 17, 2004

A motion was made by Ms. Green to approve the December 17, 2004 minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve the December 17, 2004 minutes carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to be reported.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Steve Woods

Permanent Resolution Number 22-008, Amendments to Title 2, Article I of the Chickasaw Nation Code of Laws

There is a need for further revision of the language contained within Title 2, Article I of the Code of the Chickasaw Nation to facilitate the operations of the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods to approve PR22-008. The motion was seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve PR22-008 carried unanimously.

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 22-018, Approval of Development Budget Amendment

This resolution approves the revision to the Development Budget in the additional amount of \$171,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Colbert to approve GR22-018. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-018 carried unanimously.

Mr. Scott Colbert concluded his report.

(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 22-012, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority - Linda Briggs

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mrs. Linda Briggs to the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority Board of Trustees. Mrs. Briggs has been on the Board since 1997.

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Colbert to approve GR22-012. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tim Colbert.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-012 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 22-013, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority - Frank Johnson

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Frank Johnson to the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority Board of Trustees. Mr. Johnson began serving on the Board several years ago as the Legislature's representative. With his retirement from the Legislature, Mr. Johnson is working full-time for the authority.

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Colbert to approve GR22-013. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tim Colbert.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-013 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 22-014, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society - Pat Woods

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Ms. Pat Woods to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society. Ms. Woods has been extremely active with the projects of the Board.

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Colbert to approve GR22-014. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tim Colbert.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-014 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 22-015, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc. - Marvin Mitchell

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Marvin Mitchell to the Board of Directors of Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc. Article IV of the Articles of Incorporation issued by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior provides that the terms of office of each board member shall be three years, with the initial appointments being two directors with three-year terms, two directors with two-year terms and one director with a one-year term. Mr. Mitchell originally filled a one-year term. His new term will end on October 1, 2007.

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Colbert to approve GR22-015. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tim Colbert

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Supreme Court Justice Stevens understands sovereignty

By **BILL ANOATUBBY**
Governor
Chickasaw Nation

An interesting case was decided in March by the U.S. Supreme Court regarding the Oneida Indian Nation in New York. The city of Sherrill, N.Y., petitioned the high court in its desire to impose sales taxes on Oneida businesses located on former reservation land. The Oneidas have most recently been on a consistent program of repurchasing portions of their original 300,000-acre reservation on the open market.

Unfortunately, the Supreme Court reversed the decisions of lower courts and ruled that the city of Sherrill may levy sales taxes on Oneida businesses located on former reservation land. While the opinion was 8-1 against the Oneidas, the dissenting opinion authored by

Justice John Paul Stevens offers excellent insight into Indian sovereignty and centuries-old questions regarding America's development.

The Oneida reservation was established in 1788 with the Treaty of Fort Schuyler. Treaties which followed reestablished the reservation's federal protection. However, as so often happened, a rash of unjust sales of Oneida lands, in which both the state of New York and private individuals participated, continued unabated. The situation became so bad, the Oneidas' original reservation land shrank to just 32 acres.

A key issue before the court was whether the original reservation land, now repurchased by the Oneidas, could be viewed as current reservation land and afforded the Indian Country rights associated with that land.

The majority ruled that most



Gov. Bill Anoatubby

of the reservation has been occupied and governed by non-Indians for a long period of time, which precluded the tribe "from rekindling embers of sovereignty that long ago grew cold."

To his great credit, Justice Stevens referred to this key statement and once again made clear how Indian sovereignty really works.

The Court, Justice Stevens wrote, has entered territory that

belongs to the U.S. Congress. Only Congress, he wrote correctly, has the power to diminish or otherwise alter a tribe's reservation lands.

"To now deny the tribe its right to tax immunity – at once the most fundamental of tribal rights and the least disruptive to other sovereigns – is not only inequitable, but also irreconcilable with the principle that only Congress may abrogate or extinguish tribal property," he wrote.

The tribe was acting fairly, Justice Stevens wrote, by not attempting to collect damages or eject landowners as remedy for what occurred centuries ago. Rather, the Oneida Nation, he wrote, was acting as a responsible sovereign.

Justice Stevens has made the points so well, it is surprising eight other justices voted to find for the city of Sherrill.

I believe it is important to note this decision because it tells us, as Chickasaws, that our sacred sovereign status and our history in this land can and will continue to be challenged. The Chickasaw Nation and its people have come so far, and we have adapted well to our changing environment. We can be very proud of our achievements.

But it is also important to be informed and educated regarding what goes on in the courtrooms of justice, the halls of Congress, and the wings of the White House.

The conditions for the Chickasaw people are better than they have been in centuries. We will remain active in our work to protect our tribe, and always remember it is the Chickasaw people we serve every day.

Restored historic capitol showcases Chickasaw history

Restoration of the historic Chickasaw Capitol in Tishomingo has turned the building into a showcase of Chickasaw history.

Not only has the building itself been restored to its former glory, numerous exhibits highlight historic events and interesting facts about the capitol.

"This magnificent structure, built when our people were facing difficult circumstances, stands as an enduring symbol of the strength of spirit of the Chickasaw people," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "Its restoration is a great reminder of the resilience and resolve of our nation."

One of the most striking exhibits includes a very lifelike mannequin of Governor Douglas Johnston sitting in a chair as if he were working.

Another exhibit corrects the misconception that the vault in the capitol building was used as a jail. The jail was actually located north of the capitol.

There are also several exhibits that highlight historic events in times and places extending well beyond the life of the capitol building.

Topics including the allotment process, politics, law enforcement, culture and more are addressed in a variety of exhibits.

Among these is a photo gal-

lery of famous and lesser known Chickasaw citizens.

Construction of the historic capitol, made of red granite from the Pennington Creek quarry, was completed in 1898.

Dedicated November 17 of that year, the building served as capitol of the Chickasaw nation until statehood in 1907.

Sold to Johnston County in 1910 for \$7,500, the building was later repurchased by the tribal government in 1989.

Special legislation was passed by the state allowing the sale of what was then the Johnston County Courthouse.

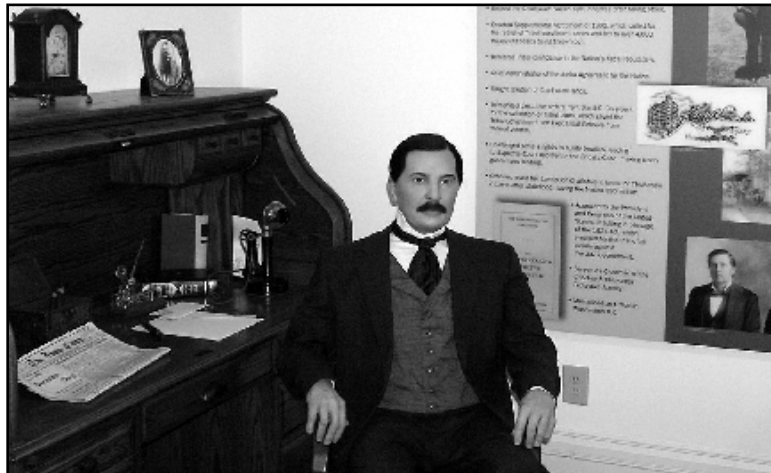
Under that bill, the sale was allowed with the requirement that the tribe allow the county to leaseback the building for three years. This provision allowed the county adequate time for construction of a new courthouse.

As the third building on the site to serve as seat of government for the Chickasaw Nation, it replaced a two story brick building completed in 1858 and destroyed by fire in 1890.

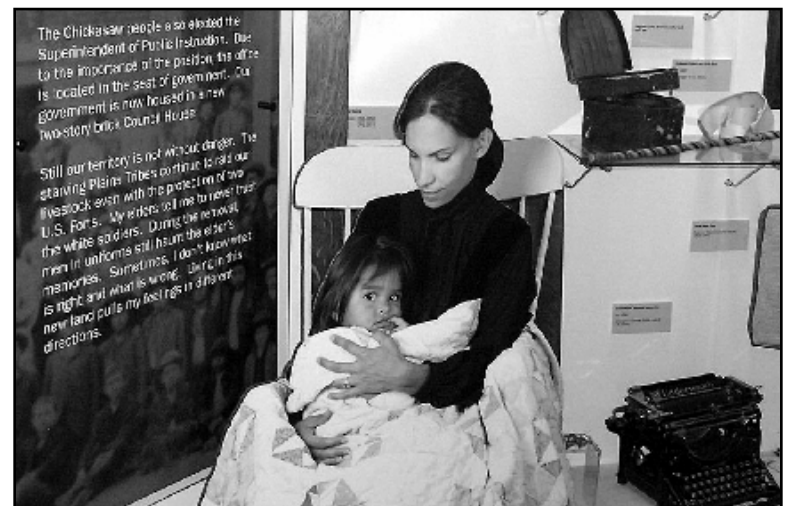
Prior to that, the Chickasaw Council House, a log structure built in 1856 and still preserved in the council house museum, served as the seat of Chickasaw government in Indian Territory. Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.



Exhibits at the historic capitol include depictions of every day life in the Chickasaw Nation.



A very realistic depiction of Chickasaw Governor Douglas Johnston at work in a recreation of his turn of the century office is a highlight among capitol building exhibits



Ethics code, per capita being studied in legislature



Linda Briggs
Chairman
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Greetings and Happy Spring
to All!!!

We relish incredible beautiful weather one day (with temperature in the low eighties) to dark stormy skies the next with accompanying wind and rain. It has to Spring!

In the Legislature we have many projects ongoing as the Tribe continues to prosper and provide services to our citizens. Being a Chickasaw is a good thing!!

The ad hoc committee in the Legislature for the writing of an ethics code for the Legislature ~~itself has started having meet-~~

ings and is proving challenging and interesting. This committee is very ably chaired by Holly Easterling. Holly is a C.P.A. and well versed in ethical standards of professional behavior. The goal of the committee, of course, is to provide in writing the standards of behavior for the members of the legislative body. We are blessed with a very talented and experienced group of people on the Legislature and since all are or have been professionals in other fields, it provides a wealth of creative energy to our causes.

In response to a request, a study is being done by a committee comprised of people from all branches of our Chickasaw government concerning the advantages and disadvantages of the per capita payment system. We are a service-oriented tribe and we do have a blood quantum limit regarding availability of those services. The study on per capita is revealing that the tribes who use the per capita method of assistance to their people have a blood quantum-usually one-quarter. The process is in a very embryonic stage of its fact gathering, but

the Chickasaw Nation provides its services to the lowest blood quantum as long as the person has a CDIB card. A baby born today who might only be a small fraction Chickasaw has as many services as a full blood. Also we as a people have a strong sense of being self-sufficient and long ago chose the path of education to achieve the self-sufficiency we desire. Thus the many dollars put into the education of our people from young to not so young.

The study on elder care has been completed and is being analyzed by the Human Resource Committee, chaired by Dean McManus. Dean's career was spent working with our elders and she does a great job therein. Many different ways are already utilized to make life easier for our elders, even down to mowing their lawns and cleaning their homes if they are unable to do so themselves. Our goal is to try to enable our elders to remain at their homes as long as possible, and then to provide the best possible next-step care. It is an enormously important responsibility and is being diligently pursued.

I wish you the beauty of the flowers of Spring and safety from the storms. Any may God bless you in all your endeav-

ors.
Linda Briggs

National work targets halting AIDS, diabetes



Dr. Judy Goforth Parker
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Greetings once again. Every month seems to fly by, and I am once again trying to decide what to write about. Just as a touch of history, the Legislative page in *the Chickasaw Times* is dedicated to the Legislature each and every month. We are afforded the opportunity to share with you, and I notice each month that several Legislators take advantage of the privilege. Communicating with you is very important to us.

My goal today is to update you on two very important national committees that I have the privilege to serve on. It seems to me that having a Ph.D. in Nursing has opened many doors for me, and these two committees are natural fits because they are health related.

I have served on the Centers for Disease Control/ Health Resources and Services Administration AIDS Advisory Committee (CHAC) for past five years. This committee is a Presidential appointment through the Secretary of Health and Human Services. I actually owe the appointment to our Ambassador, Mr. Charles Blackwell. Mr. Blackwell made the recommendation during the Clinton Administration, and Representative Tom Cole, another one of our own, made a recommendation for my second appointment during the Bush Administration. It sure helps to

have friends in high places and my appreciation and dedication to both of these fine Chickasaw men continues.

The CHAC is a committee with many responsibilities, but the greatest responsibility is to follow the AIDS epidemic with the goal of stopping its progress. I know this seems like an impossible task, but it has to be the goal for the American public as well as the world. We actually do have an international focus as well. Frequently, at these meetings, we have speakers update us on the epidemic.

Currently, we are working on reauthorization of the Ryan White Care Act. The Care Act is all about the funding for the AIDS epidemic. My representation on the board is the single Native American voice. You can see that it is important for us as a Nation to have representation, but we also represent all Native Americans.

The Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee is the other national board where I am afforded the honor of being representative for the Oklahoma Indian Health Service area. I actually represent the 39 tribes of Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas. A new function of the TLDC is to look at chronic diseases and how they affect diabetes.

Being on the CHAC and a health care provider as well, I have often wondered about the people who have more than one chronic disease. We need to make the access the health care easier so that you can take care of all your needs with one visit. That is not always the case.

Our next meetings are in May; I will update you on the outcomes. Thank you for allowing me to be your representative. I enjoy the work that we do together as the Chickasaw Nation.

Judy Goforth Parker, Ph.D.,
RN
Pontotoc District, Seat 2

2004-2005 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

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2010 plan calls for enhanced CNHS staffing

Carl Albert Hospital reports chart total of 200,000**Mary Jo Green****Chickasaw Tribal Legislature**

Greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Chairman of the Health Care Committee!

After struggling thorough the flu/pneumonia this winter, I am so happy to be feeling better and that winter is gone and spring is here! The beauty of early Spring makes me happy and thankful that God has blessed us with the privilege of health, work, and all the joys of family and friends.

The Chickasaw Nation is well and flourishing with new programs and services. It is a struggle to obtain and keep good physicians and we are so happy to report that we have Dr. Marcia Matthews coming to our Tishomingo Clinic on April 1. We are also happy that the MAPS program is available for our elder Chickasaws who need

drugs not on our Health System formulary. We have the best IHS hospital and clinics in the Nation, and we continue to strive to make them better. Our healthy lifestyle wellness center is so good for our people needing exercise and the water aerobics classes are wonderful. I will be so glad to get back to it after my bout with the flu. We have some good information regarding the numbers served last month from Bill Lance, Administrator of the Chickasaw Health System.

In the month of February, 2005, there were 221 hospitalizations at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. The number of outpatient visits at Carl Albert was 13,845. February Emergency Room visits were 1,166 and the number of surgeries was 251. The Same-day Clinic saw 3,423 patients.

The Family Practice Clinic in Ada saw 1,753 patients in February. The Ardmore Clinic saw 2,806 patients and the Tishomingo Clinic saw 2,194. The Durant Clinic saw 2,538 patients in February and the Purcell Clinic saw 908.

Mr. Lance also reported that even though we have approximately 30,000 Native Americans living in our service area, the Health system has about 200,000 active medical charts. Using Indian Health Service

guidelines to establish a master plan, our Health System will need to triple in size to meet projected health care needs in the year 2010. The current staffing of 558 employees will need to be increased to approximately 880 in that time frame. I'm thankful that we are already planning for 2010 because we will need all that time for such a dramatic increase in size and services!

Debra Vaughn Ph.D., is a Chickasaw who works at the University of Oklahoma in the office of Health Promotion Programs. Dr. Vaughn and Dr. Craig Hofford made a presentation to the Legislature at our Committee of the Whole meeting about the work of her office. Her office makes many presentations across the U.S. and assists Indian communities in implementing health promotion programs. We are so very proud to have a successful Chickasaw doing such needed work in our communities. We hope the Chickasaw Nation can partner with her office in the future to supplement our health awareness and healthy lifestyle programs.

Please contact me through email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw

Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. I look forward to speaking with

you! Until next month, thank you.

Wild horse program under consideration**Wanda Blackwood Scott**
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Chukma!

The Chickasaw people have had a long and enduring relationship with horses. According to my research, the Chickasaw horses of the 1700s were considered the very best in North America.

Chickasaws excelled at horse breeding and their stock was considered equal to the blooded horses of England, which began arriving in America about 1750.

We have read about Indians taming wild horses, but it is most likely that the Chickasaws started with Spanish horses. Widespread trade in horses ensued among Indian tribes in the 1700s.

With our historical ties to the development of a great breed of horses, I have been engaged in research on the federal wild

horse and bronco program. I believe it would be appropriate for our tribe to engage in the hosting of wild horses in the Chickasaw Nation. I will keep you posted on my research.

In our Education program, it is important to remember that we offer a wonderful GED program. This is a great way for Chickasaw people to move forward and improve their education. A GED can serve as the first stepping stone on the way to a great career and life achievement. Please let everyone in your family know our GED program is a great way to start.

Our GED classes are on Monday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.; Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.; and Friday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. The GED lab is open every evening, so please take advantage.

For those of you seeking scholarship help, please remember the Chickasaw Foundation. There are many scholarships open to Chickasaw students. They can really help you get through school!

You can call the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030, or visit www.chickasaw.net.

May you receive many blessings.

Committee Reports**Education Committee**

March 7, 2005

Present: Wanda Blackwood Scott, Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green

Absent: Donna Hartman, Linda Briggs

Finance Committee

March 7, 2005

Present: Scott Colbert, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Steve Woods

Absent: Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Linda Briggs

Finance Committee

March 14, 2005

Present: Scott Colbert, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Judy

Goforth Parker, Linda Briggs

Absent: Steve Woods

Health Committee

March 7, 2005

Present: Mary Jo Green, Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Wilson Seawright, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Linda Briggs

Absent: Dean McManus

Land Development Committee
March 7, 2005
Present: Judy Goforth Parker, Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Legislative Committee

March 7, 2005

Present: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling,

Mary Jo Green, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Absent: Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus

Tribal Historic & Cultural Preservation Committee

March 7, 2005

Present: Scott Colbert, Beth Alexander, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Linda Briggs

Absent: Donna Hartman, Dean McManus

Colbert hosts open house at Tish clinic every first Wednesday**D. Scott Colbert**
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Legislator Scott Colbert will have an open office for Legislature business at the Tishomingo Clinic between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month. Please make appointments at (580) 622-3218. You may also call on the first Wednesday of every month at (580) 421-3425.

Feel free to contact Colbert if you have any questions.

Peacemaking brochure in process; court clerks to certify



Cheri Bellefeuille-Eldred
Supreme Court Chief Justice

Spring is here again and the Judicial Branch is preparing for another busy month.

SUPREME COURT NEWS

We are currently working on a Peacemaking brochure, which would introduce you to our Peacemakers and would provide you with some information, such as phone numbers and address for the Peacemaking Court. Additionally, the brochure will explain the Peacemaking process as adapted to our current court system.

Many elected women, tribal leaders, veterans and business leaders from around the country

gathered in Washington, D.C., in order to show their appreciation to our nation's leaders and wounded servicemen. I was very honored to attend a luncheon reception with Legislators Wanda Scott and Holly Easterling, and Administrative Assistant Tammy Gray. The National Foundation for Women Legislators Congressional Awards Lunch Reception was on March 9, 2005, on Capital Hill in Washington, D.C.

The lunch reception recognized the members of Congress as well as the disabled veterans who recently returned from the war in Iraq. God Bless all of our American citizens in Iraq.

Justice Barbara A. Smith, Justice Mark H. Colbert, Judge Aaron Duck, and Darlene Cheadle, District Court Advocate, will attend the 30th Annual Federal Bar Association Indian Law Conference which will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, April 14 – 15, 2005. This conference offers a host of subjects that encompass many of the legal issues of the indigenous people. We look forward to the information they will share with

the courts upon their return.

The Chickasaw Nation Judicial Branch has had an opportunity to partner with Oklahoma State University to train and certify all of our court clerks. OSU customized a certification program for our clerks using the Chickasaw Constitution and Chickasaw Code. Currently, we have one (1) District Court Clerk, one (1) Supreme Court clerk and two (2) Deputy Court Clerks who will be receiving training and certification in 2005. Upon completion of the training sessions and certification our clerks will have a total of 63 hours. We will be the first Native American tribe to receive the same court clerk training as every county court clerk in Oklahoma.

I would like to invite all of you to come to the Chickasaw Nation Children's Fair on April 2, 2005 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Pontotoc County Agriplex in Ada. The Judicial Branch will have a booth with lots of goodies for the children. The Chickasaw Nation's Children's Fair is held annually to support Child Abuse Awareness. It will



From left, Chief Justice Cheri Bellefeuille Eldred, Legislator Holly Easterling, E4 Specialist Victor Ortiz, E4 Specialist Joey Banegas, E4 Specialist Jose Ramosm Legislator Wanda Scott and Assistant to Gov. Anoatubby Tammy Gray.

be a great time and I hope to see all of you and your little ones at the fair!

The Chickasaw Nation Judicial Branch and the National Judicial College will be hosting a conference to be held at OU Law Center April 25, 26, and 27, 2005. The conference is titled, "Essential Bench Skills

for Tribal Judges". If you would like more information about attending the conference, please contact the Supreme Court at: 580-235-0281.

It is a privilege and honor to serve the Chickasaw citizens. If you have a chance please visit us on the web at: www.chickasaw.net

March Resolutions

General Resolution 22-032
Affirming General Resolution 19-067
(Authorizing an Acquisition of Property in Pontotoc County)

Explanation: This resolution affirms General Resolution 19-067 for the purpose of specifically identifying the complete legal description as described in "Attachment A" as a part of the N/2 SW/4 SW/4 and the SE/4 NW/4 SW/4 lying South of the South right-of-way line of Seabrook Road in Section 21, Township 4 North, Range 6 East, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, as required by the Bureau of Indian Affairs for placing said tract of land U.S.A. in trust for the Chickasaw Nation.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented by: Judy Goforth-Parker, Chairperson

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Sea-

wright, Linda Briggs

General Resolution 22-033
Affirming General Resolution 21-054

(Authorizing an Acquisition of Property in Pontotoc County)

Explanation: This resolution affirms General Resolution 21-054 for the purpose of specifically identifying the complete legal description as described a part of the N/2 NE/4 SE/4 NW/4 of Section 28, Township 4 North, Range 6 East, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of said N/2 NE/4 SE/4 NW/4; thence West a distance of 242.2 feet; thence South a distance of 80 feet; thence East a distance of 242.2 feet; thence North a distance of 80 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.44 acre, more or less, and hereby affirms General Resolution 21-054, previously approved on May 21, 2004.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented by: Judy Goforth-Parker, Chairperson

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 22-034

Right-of-Way Easement in Love County

(Bridge Construction)

Explanation: This resolution approves a right-of way easement to the Oklahoma Department of

Transportation for the purpose of grading, surfacing, drainage and bridge construction across a portion of property owned U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation described as: Beginning at a point on the present right-of-way line of Rogers Road, a distance of 99.42 feet south of and 156.54 feet east of

Chickasaw District Court news

I would like to invite each of you to visit the Chickasaw Nation District Court at 1500 N. Country Club, Ada, Oklahoma for assistance and guidance with your legal issues. District Court Clerk Wayne Joplin and Deputy Court Clerk Tamara Dresser are available to serve you Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. You may also contact them by calling (580) 235-0279. If you would like to schedule an appointment with a Court Advocate, just drop by or give them a call and they will be happy to schedule a time for you.

The District Court had a total of **30** new cases filed in February, 2005 as compared to 31 new cases filed in February 2004. The District Court Advocates were kept busy assisting **89** individuals with their legal issues compared to 75 individuals assisted in 2004.

In closing, I would just like to say, "thank you" to all of my Chickasaw friends and family for making the Chickasaw court system such a success. Your continued support will be the cornerstone for the growth of the Judicial Branch, and the Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court and District Court.

Tribal rep in Chickasha

CHICKASHA, Okla. - A Chickasaw Nation representative will be in Chickasha April 18 to answer questions about tribal programs.

To find out more information, or to apply for tribal elderly energy assistance, tribal emergency utility assistance, energy assistance, Community Health Representatives or other programs visit Bettie Black at the Chickasha Boys & Girls Club, 1501 Henderson, from 3 to 5 p.m.

A tribal representative will available for questions at the Chickasha Boys & Girls Club the third Monday of each month.

Contributed by Becky Chandler, tribal media relations.

See **Resolutions**, page 34

Close relationships with local law agencies

Tribal Lighthorse Police powerful asset in fighting crime

Only a few short months after beginning operations the Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Department has grown into a powerful crime fighting weapon in south central Oklahoma. Already, LPD officers have assisted several local law enforcement agencies with numerous investigations and arrests, ranging from robberies to drug crimes.

Rapid expansion of the Chickasaw LPD means a wealth of additional resources is now available to all law enforcement agencies within tribal boundaries. The department has 13 sworn officers with a total of more than 100 years of law enforcement experience in numerous specialties.

The officers can provide a variety of assistance including three K-9 units, narcotics investigators, terrorism response, domestic violence investigators and other specialties.

Jason O'Neal, chief of the department which was formed in October 2004, said he had developed close working relationships with several local agencies including city police and sheriff offices in Pontotoc, Murray, Garvin and Love Counties. Currently, he is working diligently to meet with more agencies in the area, and wants everyone

in south central Oklahoma to know Lighthorse police officers are ready, willing and able to provide assistance in almost any situation that may arise.

"With a majority of the Chickasaws, and the Indian population in general, in this area living off of Indian (trust) land, one focus we have is providing assistance to the cities and counties, because that directly impacts the Chickasaw citizens who live in those areas," said O'Neal. "By assisting their law enforcement, that not only helps the Chickasaw citizens, it also helps everyone within the tribe's boundaries by making this a better, safer place to live.

"Our mission is to enhance the quality of life of everybody located within the Chickasaw Nation boundaries, whether on or off Indian land. We're here to help and make a difference."

Pontotoc County Sheriff Pete Peterson said he couldn't ask for a better, more cooperative relationship with the LPD.

"There are times when they've taken calls for us and vice-versa," said Sheriff Peterson. "We make no difference in our departments. We're just here for the same job.

"I told Jason, 'this is our county, yours and mine, and these are

our people and it makes no difference whether they're Indian or otherwise.'"

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said the department had grown even more quickly than he had imagined.

"Knowing that the Lighthorse Police Department has been able to make such a positive difference in such a short period of time is very satisfying," said Governor Anoatubby. "Historical accounts show the original Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Department had an outstanding reputation for its crime fighting efforts, and this new department is already developing a similar reputation."

Daryl McCurtain, Murray County under-sheriff, said the LPD is "an excellent resource."

"All we've ever had to do is give them a call, and they're willing to help," said McCurtain. "I hope the relationship between the Murray County Sheriff's office and the Lighthorse Police Department continues to grow, because the Lighthorse Police Department will have access to equipment and manpower that we don't necessarily have access to.

"Then again they may need manpower if they're working

in this area that we can provide. To get the war on drugs and everything else it's going to take a cooperative effort between everybody and it's going to take

all agencies working together."

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.



Lighthorse Police Officer Gary Cozad works with Nero. The pair comprise one of three K-9 units at the department.

Indian Country jurisdiction more complex than often thought

While many may think a tribal police department would be confined to duties on trust land, the Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Department can act to assist agencies anywhere within the Chickasaw Nation boundaries.

And contrary to popular belief, other local agencies can often take action on Indian trust land.

"There's been a misunderstanding for years that (state and local agencies) are not allowed there or don't have jurisdiction on trust land and that's not the case," said Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Chief O'Neal. "Over certain types of crimes, they do have jurisdiction.

"The state has jurisdiction of victimless crimes committed by non-Indians, such as narcotics, prostitution, or anything that has no victim," added Chief O'Neal. "They also have jurisdiction over crimes involving a non-Indian suspect against a non-Indian victim."

While there are nuances to be considered depending on the

situation, criminal jurisdiction in Indian country is typically broken down into three groups.

The three different government entities which have jurisdiction on Indian land are tribal agencies, federal agencies and state agencies.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs usually handles federal jurisdiction.

O'Neal said his department is offering instruction to help state and local agencies become more familiar with the jurisdictional issues.

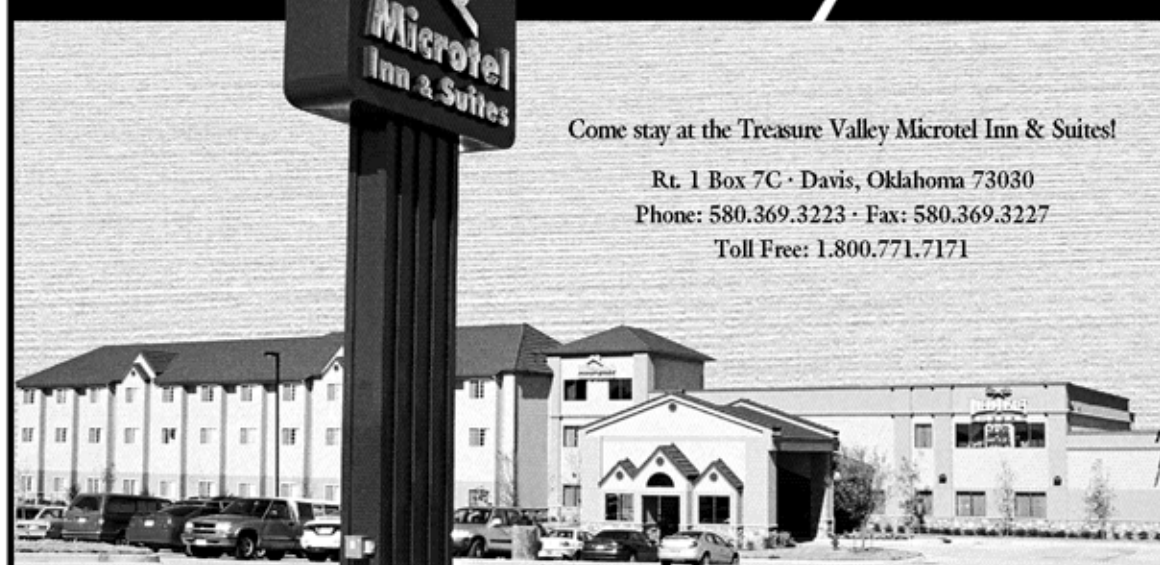
"We've actually sponsored one three-day criminal jurisdiction class at ECU and we're looking at providing two more of those this year," said O'Neal. "Those are free to any state or county departments that are able to send officers to those. We are also available to write any kind of technical assistance to those city or county departments and we have done so in the past upon their request."

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Chickasaw Nation student artists enter collage contest

For the second year, the Chickasaw Nation After School Arts Program (ASAP) entered the Hideaway Foundation Collage contest.

This year's collage theme is "Heroes and Heroines: Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things."

The Hideaway Collage project is a seven-year event designed to create a unique collection of historic state art to help celebrate Oklahoma's Centennial Year of statehood in 2007. The first competition took place in 2000 and every year features a different theme for the collages, collectively covering every aspect of life in our great state.

Sixteen students in ASAP worked for weeks photographing and researching their heroes

and heroines. The students then used the photographs to make a collage honoring each of these individuals. In addition to the collage, a descriptive essay was also submitted.

"You don't need any superpowers to be a hero," said ASAP student Cheyenne Durant, 13. "Being a hero means just reaching out for someone. If you care and help, you are already a hero."

ASAP student Madilyn Goodnight, 9, said a hero "helps people be the best they can be."

The Collage Project challenges schools, groups and businesses throughout the state to celebrate their creative talents through art, portraying the many facets of Oklahoma society and history.

"It is important for the students

to participate since the history of the tribe is being portrayed in the collage including landmarks, photos of Chickasaw citizens and citizens that live within the Chickasaw Nation," said Trina Jones, tribal arts in education instructor.

"In addition, the students learn about processes: how to find an artistic inspiration, what goes into researching and finding images, how to layout images and create art and how it all comes together," Jones said.

Each collage project helps to create art that will help define the first 100 years of Oklahoma's statehood. Each individual collage, and the project's collective whole, will offer perspectives of state history and values, from many points of view.

Prize money worth \$10,000

will be awarded in 2005 by The Hideaway Foundation. The collages and essays are judged and cash awards given to the top two places in each of three age categories (elementary schools, high schools and college/open category).

The seven top cash winning collage projects become the property of the sponsors for long-term public display.

Last year, the ASAP won honorable mention and brought home a \$100 check. This year's winners will be announced in a few months.

In 2007 the best the collages will travel

for a celebratory exhibition on the National Mall in Washington D.C.

Contributed by Becky Chandler, tribal media relations.



Businesses reinvesting in current operations, new entities

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government capitation includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include sales taxes from the businesses, motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the election commission, maintenance and operations of tribal property, Chickasaw Times and governor's and Lt.

governor's offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Depreciation has not been computed on the Fixed Assets of the governmental funds for the current year. This will be computed after year end in connection with the audit. Difference between beginning balance at February 28, 2005 and the ending balance last month are year end audit adjustments. Several year-end adjustments also have not been made.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending February 28, 2005

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses totaled \$4.8 million for the month and \$29.4 million year-to-date. Expenditures for the month were \$2.8 million and \$11.7 million year-to-date including \$2 million transferred to Housing Construction and Loan programs as authorized by

GR 21-075. Year-to-date, a total of \$11.3 million of the transfer from businesses has been for fixed assets.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes total \$167 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$39 million for the year-to-date.

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Five Months Ended February 28, 2005

Revenues
Transfers from businesses to tribal government
Total funds available

Expenditures

General government
Legislature
Judiciary
Education
Heritage Preservation
Health
Youth and Family Services
Nutrition Programs
Regulatory
Assistance Programs
Transfer to Loan Program
Gaming expense
Other businesses' expense
Total expenditures
Increase in net assets
Beginning net assets
Ending net assets

Statement of Net Assets

At February 28, 2005, the tribal government funds had \$38 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, \$7.7 million is in the BIA Trust funds.

The businesses had \$44.6 million in cash and investments of which \$20 million is reserved for accounts payable and \$22 million is reserved for reinvest-

ment in present and new businesses.

As of February 28, 2005, tribe operations had assets totaling \$295 million with \$14.5 million in payables resulting in net assets of \$269.5 million compared to \$237.6 million at the beginning of the year or an increase of \$31 million.

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	\$ 4,800,098	166,979,644	171,779,742
Transfers from businesses to tribal government	24,622,000	(24,622,000)	-
Total funds available	29,422,098	142,357,644	171,779,742
Expenditures			
General government	2,181,494		2,181,494
Legislature	532,239		532,239
Judiciary	202,937		202,937
Education	1,711,636		1,711,636
Heritage Preservation	1,069,921		1,069,921
Health	1,589,688		1,589,688
Youth and Family Services	850,912		850,912
Nutrition Programs	722,842		722,842
Regulatory	192,320		192,320
Assistance Programs	512,623		512,623
Transfer to Loan Program	2,000,000		2,000,000
Gaming expense		75,069,133	75,069,133
Other businesses' expense		52,873,940	52,873,940
Total expenditures	11,566,612	127,943,073	139,509,685
Increase in net assets	17,855,486	14,414,571	32,270,057
Beginning net assets	86,609,879	150,617,130	237,227,009
Ending net assets	\$ 104,465,365	165,031,701	269,497,066

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets February 28, 2005

Cash and Investments
Receivables
Inventory
Prepaid expenses
Other Assets
Fixed assets
Less payables
Net Assets

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	\$ 38,005,094	44,679,650	82,684,744
Receivables	1,001,331	11,777,975	12,779,306
Inventory		3,677,309	3,677,309
Prepaid expenses		4,614,450	4,614,450
Other Assets		18,418,413	18,418,413
Fixed assets	66,109,617	106,673,029	172,782,646
Less payables	(650,677)	(24,809,125)	(25,459,802)
Net Assets	\$ 104,465,365	165,031,701	269,497,066



Adam Elijah Truett celebrated his fourth birthday March 16, 2005.

He is the son of Terry Truett Jr., of Bromide, Okla., and Misty Truett of Lewisville, Texas.

He is the grandson of Terry and Pam Truett, Sr., of Bromide, and Kathy Vith of Irving, Texas.

He is the great-grandson of Hal and Darlene Truett, of Bromide, and Bill and Jean Wren, of Irving.

Adam attends school at Wapanucka Head Start.

He is Chickasaw/Choctaw. He enjoys playing outside with his puppy "Suzee" and his favorite color is green.

We love you! Happy Birthday!



Adam Elijah Truett

Ashley Dawn Fullbright will celebrate her eighth birthday April 12, 2005.

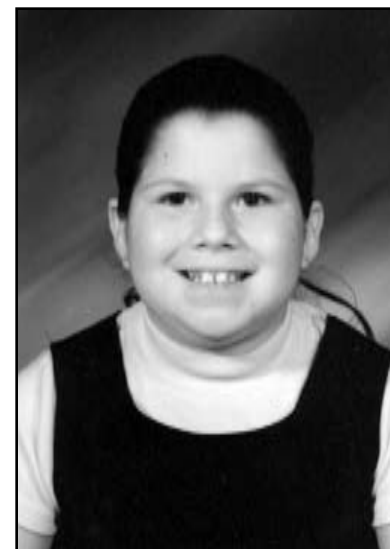
She is the daughter of James and Linda Fullbright of Shawnee, Okla. She has two brothers, Michael and Cody.

She is the granddaughter of Audette Fullbright, Shawnee, and Linda Middleton, Asher, Okla.

We love you so much Ashley. You are growing up so fast, but you will always be our little "Punkins." Happy 8th Birthday Ashley!

Love,

Mom, Dad, Michael, Cody, Grandma and Nana.



Ashley Dawn Fullbright



Alexis Lewis

Alexis Lewis celebrated her 11th birthday Feb. 12, 2005.

She celebrated with her family and friends at Skateland, Ardmore, Okla. She attends Dickson School, Dickson, Okla. Her favorite sport is softball.

She is the daughter of Coby and Jaime Lewis.

She is the granddaughter of Gary and Mary Lou Thomas, Ardmore, and Charlie and Christine Lewis, Ardmore.

She is the niece of Alicia and Albert Taylor, Brian Locust Tara Thomas and Chad Lewis, Ardmore.

God bless you!

We love you,
Your family



Christine Landeros

Christine Landeros celebrated her 14th birthday with lots of family and friends in Ardmore, Okla.

She attends school at Kingston, Okla.

She is the daughter of Joannie Wallace, Ardmore. Her brothers are Nick and Nathan Landeros, Kingston.

Her cousins are Alicia and Albert Damien, Ardmore, Coby and Jaime Lewis and children, of Ardmore.

She is the niece of Mary Lou Thomas, Ardmore, and the great-niece of Verna Johnson, Lone Grove, Okla.

Happy Birthday!

Love you always,
Your family
(Auntie Mary Lou)

"May God bless you and be with you always"



Koby Corene Lewis

Koby Corene Lewis celebrated her third birthday Feb. 16, 2005.

She loves going to Sunday School, and loves telling people that she loves Jesus. She's a little Angel, we're proud of her.

She is the daughter of Coby and Jaime Lewis.

She is the granddaughter of Gary and Mary Thomas and Charlie and Christine Lewis, all of Ardmore.

She is the niece of Alicia and Albert Taylor, and Brian Locust, Tara Thomas and Chad Lewis, all of Ardmore.

"Happy Birthday Baby Girl!"

"God Bless You"

We love you,
Your family

Makynlee Shyann Miller celebrated her second birthday March 9, 2005. She shares this special day with a very special person, her papaw Robert Hamilton. Makynlee was honored with a "Dora the Explorer" theme party on March 5, 2005 at her home in Mill Creek, Okla.

She is the daughter of Rick and Sherri Miller, Mill Creek, and the big sister of Cydnee.

She is the granddaughter of Robert and Mae Hamilton, Mill Creek, and Francis Miller, Ada, Okla.



Makynlee Shyann Miller

Neely Alexis Wood celebrated her sixth birthday Feb. 27, 2005 with a "Finding Nemo" theme birthday party at the Lazer Zone Family Fun Center, Ada, Okla. Neely enjoyed the evening cyber bowling with her friends and family members.

Neely attends kindergarten at Tishomingo Elementary School, Tishomingo, Okla. She is a Daisy Girl Scout and attends dance at Murray State College, Tishomingo. She is entering her second year in soccer at Tishomingo this spring. She loves jumping on the trampoline and playing dodge ball in the house with her older sister Kayla. She likes cheering on her sister at sporting events and her cousins Wesley and Kaci at basketball games in Wapanucka.

She is the daughter of Patricia and Scott Wood and little sister to Kayla Jo.

Her grandparents are Larry and Eugenia Wood, of Tishomingo, Phyllis Seymore, of Bethany, Okla., and the late Joe Plumley. Her great-grandparents are Joyce Hackworth, of Bromide, Okla.

Happy 6th Birthday Neely!

We love you



Neely Alexis Wood

Original enrollee honored by Eastern Star



Mrs. Edna Goodin, center, an original enrollee, was recently honored for 81 years of service to Eastern Star. Presenting the certificate to Mrs. Goodin are Masons Worthy Patron David J. Williams, and Eastern Star Worthy Matron Vedia Mason, both of Colbert, Okla.

Edna Mae Hayward Goodin was recently honored with a Certificate of Appreciation for 81 years of dedicated service by the Oklahoma Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star. She was also named "Dream Weaver" for 2004-2005.

Mrs. Goodin and her mother, Mona Godfrey Hayward, joined Eastern Star at the same time, June 24, 1924 at Wilson, Okla. Her membership was there until they moved to Cartwright and she moved her membership to the Colbert Chapter about 20

years ago.

Mrs. Goodin was Mother Advisor for the Wilson Rainbow Girls for several years. They participated in the Easter services at Mt. Scott.

Both she and her husband, C.A. "Buddy" Goodin, were members of Eastern Star and Masons before they married in 1927. Mr. Goodin passed away in 1991. Mrs. Goodin celebrated her 100th birthday December 2, 2004. She lives at the Alterra-Sterling House, Durant, Okla.

She is an original enrollee of the Chickasaw Nation. Her grandmother Mourning Star Goodin traveled in the "Trail of Tears" to Oklahoma. Her health is good, but she has diminished sight. She still knits and enjoys her family and friends.

The Goodins have one son, Norman, who lives in Lebanon, Okla. with his wife, Cheryl, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

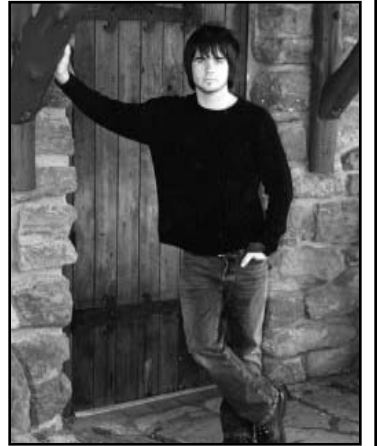
Wingo named National Merit Scholarship Finalist

ADA, Okla. – Caleb Wingo, a Chickasaw student, was recently named a finalist in the 2005 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Wingo is receiving the award because he graduated with a 4.5 grade point average in 2004 after his junior year at Ada High School.

He received the Oklahoma Regents Scholarship and is currently attending East Central University in Ada as a chemistry major with a 4.0 GPA. His ACT score was 34. Wingo plans to attend medical school.

National Merit finalists are a select group of students numbering about 15,000 nationwide, and representing less than one percent of U.S. high school



Caleb Wingo

graduating seniors.

Wingo's parents are Brigette Carter and Michael Wingo, Ada. Caleb Wingo is the great-grandson of original enrollee Ula Seawright.

Births



Levi and Noah Hinson

Levi Hinson is proud to announce the birth of his brother, **Noah Ray Hinson**.

Noah Ray Hinson was born at 3:24 a.m. on February 18, 2005 at Carl Albert Indian Hospital, Ada, Okla. He weighed 7 lbs., 7 ozs., and measured 19 1/2 inches at birth.

Noah is the son of Mika and Joshua Hinson, of Ada. Mika is a homemaker and Joshua is the manager of the photographic Archives (Department of Museums, Archives, and Libraries) for the Chickasaw Nation.

He is the grandson of Charla and Waymon Hinson, of Abilene, Texas, and Karon and Mike Freeman, of Waco, Texas. He is the great-grandson of Faye Nichols, of Abilene, and Rosalie and Troy Birdsong, of Plainview, Texas.

Noah is a lineal descendant of Chickasaw minko Itti'iwaambinili' Levi Colbert and great-great-great-great-grandson of Francis Elizabeth Kemp. His great-great-grandmother Charlie Perkins Cox was an original enrollee, born in Panola County, Chickasaw Nation in 1902.



Kadynce Joann Owens

Joseph Lee and Dawn Lanaye (Riepe) Owens announce the birth of their first child, **Kadynce Joann Owens**. Kadynce was born 3:40 p.m., Wednesday, March 2, 2005 at Deaconess Hospital, Oklahoma City.

She weighed 6 lbs., 3 ozs. and measured 19 inches at birth.

On her father's side she is the great-great-granddaughter of Virgil Owens and the great-great-great-granddaughter of Bina (Underwood) Owens. Both Virgil and Bina are original enrollees and from Oklahoma.

Her grandparents on her father's side are Smitty Eugene and Sherry Christine (Hutzel)

Owens, of Moore, Okla.

Her great-grandparents are Hagen Eugene (Boots), Norma Sarah Joan (Lewis) Owens, of Oklahoma City, the late William Clifford Hutzel Jr., Gayle Hutzel, of Oklahoma City, Carroll Lee and Mary Catherine Louise (Mason) Pyron, of Hot Springs, Ark.

Her great aunts and uncles are Becky and Frank Galindo, Debby Owens, Kieth and Lori Owens, Brent and Janice Owens, all of Moore; Justin (Kimbo) and Brenda Owens, of Blanchard, Okla., William and Diana Hutzel, of Norman, Okla., Charolette Dean, of Oklahoma City, Lavonne and Scott Lowell, of Moore, David Pyron, of Hot Springs, Rocky and Sherry Hutzel, of Broken Arrow, Okla., and Marvin and Kathy Igo, of Florida.

Her aunts and uncles are Eric and Rachel Owens, Josh and Ashley Owens and Rachelle Owens, all of Moore.

Her second cousins Kimberlea (Owens) and Brian Edwards, of Oklahoma City, Amber (Owens) and Shannon Lynn, of Mustang, Okla., Virgil Owens, Aimee Ow-

ens, of Norman, Justin Owens, Stephanie Owens, of Oklahoma City, Jesse Boring, of Panama City, Fla., Amanda (Mandi) Boring, of Lexington, Va., Tony Galindo, of Oklahoma City, and the late Brian Galind, Scott and Brandi Hutzel, Chrissy Hutzel, Josh Dean, Angie Dean, Cory Dean, of Oklahoma City, Carissa and Chaz Lowell, of Moore, Jill and John Hutzel, of Broken Arrow, Okla.

Her third cousins are Tawnie Galindo and Rusty Galindo, of Moore, Dusten Lynn, of Mustang, Bryce Edwards, of Oklahoma City.

On her mother's side her grandparents are Donald Wayne and Mary Jo (Skaggs) Riepe, of Guthrie, Okla.

Her great-grandparents are Lloyd Jay and the late Margaret Ellen (Clark) Riepe, of Wichita, Kan., Clark Verdell Skaggs and Venice Arlene Young, of Cleg-horn, Iowa.

Kadynce's father works for Glass Specialists of Oklahoma City, and her mother works for C.J. Babbit of Oklahoma City. They reside in Moore.

Mill Creek academic team does well first time out

Linda Cornelious-Stinson is a Chickasaw, who has a passion for academic excellence. Ms. Stinson, an elementary teacher, recently put her skills to work by coaching the very first academic bowl team from Mill Creek, Okla.

The eighth grade team finished high in the regionals and now will have the opportunity to compete at the Oklahoma Junior Academic Bowl Association (OJABA) State Competition, on April 16, at the University of Oklahoma, in Norman.

Mill Creek, a small school in North Johnston County situated between Tishomingo and Sulphur, has a high population of Native Americans, mostly Chickasaw.

Many good Chickasaw athletes have come from Mill Creek including Ms. Stinson, who was

a All-Star guard for her basketball team many years ago.

"I have always liked sports and competition, so I was glad to have the chance to help kids compete at a different level—Academics," Ms. Stinson said.

Earlier this year, new superintendent Richard Bowen, who is Native American, expressed a wish that academic teams be formed at Mill Creek. A high school team was established and Ms. Stinson was called upon to organize the elementary teams. It was her eighth grade team that showed the most initiative and will to learn and compete.

"We would practice after school, and after a while the kids did not want to go home," Ms. Stinson said.

The team is made up of Timber Thomison, Jara Hotema, Jaycee Sivils, Bryce Beratto and Garrett

King, the captain. Four of the five are of Native descent.

The Academic Bowl competition covers all school subjects including current events. The experience will help improve the students test scores and confidence as well as prepare them for college and other challenges in life.

This is the first year for Mill Creek in Academic competition, but Ms. Stinson has for years worked with the elementary kids and held academic Olympics at the school level.

"I am just so proud of these kids, they even beat a team of

teachers in one practice session." "This is really good for the kids," she said.

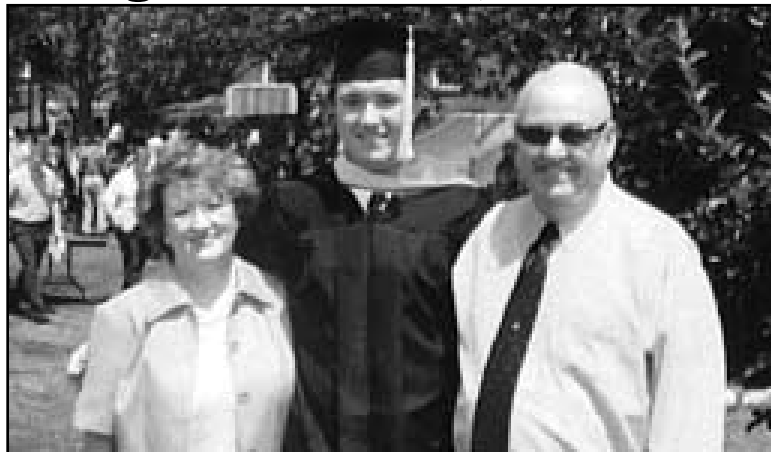
The Chickasaw Nation sa-

lutes this wonderful Chickasaw teacher of 30 years. Linda Cornelious-Stinson will be retiring after this year.



Mill Creek (OK) Academic Bowl Team, front row from left, Timber Thomison and Garrett King. Back row from left, Jara Hotema, Boyce Beratto and Jaycee Sivils. The students are coached by Linda Stinson, not pictured.

Chickasaw student shines in collegiate athletics, academics



James Davenport, center, with his parents Judith and Michael Davenport on graduation day.

James Michael Davenport graduated cum laude from Lyon College in May 2004, with a bachelor's degree in biology.

As a senior, Davenport received the 2004 Daktronics NAIA Men's Golf All-America Scholar-Athlete Award for the state of Arkansas. He also received the Lyon College varsity athlete achievement award as the 2004 Golf Medalist. He was named a Scholar Athlete by the TranSouth Athletic Conference for four consecutive years in men's golf, as well as a scholar athlete in men's basketball for the year 2003-04.

In addition to playing varsity golf for four years and varsity basketball for one year at Lyon College, Davenport participated

in the Student Athletic Advisory Organization, and was active in intramural sports every year. He was a member of the math and science honor society, Chi Beta Phi. He was also a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Baptist Christian Men.

Davenport is currently awaiting admission to the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry, with future plans to become an orthodontist.

He is the son of Michael and Judith Davenport, Little Rock, Ark., and is the grandson of the late Charley and Florena Davenport, Pauls Valley, Okla., and the late James and Nina Forsythe, Bryant, Ark. He is the great-great-grandson of original

Miss Teen Oklahoma



Crystal Glidden, Chickasaw, was recently crowned Miss Teen Oklahoma. In August she will compete for Miss Teen USA.

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Tribal multimedia department earns several industry awards

ADA, Okla. – Competing against some of the nation's best, the Chickasaw Nation's multimedia department in Ada recently nabbed several prestigious advertising industry awards.

The group won two top awards from the Communicator Awards, an international competition honoring excellence in communication.

"The multimedia department has many very talented and artistic individuals," Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said. "These awards speak volumes for their hard work and creativity."

One top award – the crystal award of excellence – was for the creativity and use of music during the 2003 State of the Nation ceremony. The theme for the 2003 Chickasaw Annual Meeting was "Heroes, Legends

& Dreams," focusing on the rich heritage of Chickasaw ancestors. To end the annual meeting, the Chickasaw Children's Choir performed a mini-musical celebrating the interesting lives of Chickasaw ancestors.

The group received another crystal Communicator Award for the documentary "Pearl – the Story of Pearl Scott." In the documentary, Chickasaw Pearl Scott shares her story of growing up in the early days of Oklahoma. As a young girl she was taught to fly by the legendary Wylie Post. Her wisdom and unique life experiences are both entertaining and thought provoking.

The multimedia department also brought home four separate awards for the video "Remember." In addition, the group won a creativity/special effects/animation award for the 2003

State of the Nation ceremony and other awards for "Safety Seat" and "An Enduring Nation" videos.

On the state level, the group won an Oklahoma City Ad Club ADDY award for the video "Who We Are." Commissioned by the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the Eastern Oklahoma Region, "Who We Are" helped highlight the needs of the Eastern Oklahoma tribes. The video was presented to congressmen and senators in Washington, D.C. The video will now compete for a national ADDY award.

During the ADDY awards banquet, the group also won additional awards for the "United We Thrive" brochure, audio from the holiday public service announcements, the Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting gift box and the 2005 Chickasaw Nation calendar.



Chickasaw Nation's multimedia department recently won several industry awards.

The multimedia department focuses on preserving Chickasaw heritage and culture through media outlets and helps to intro-

duce others to the Chickasaw Nation.

Contributed by Becky Chandler, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw Science Bowl team takes first



From left, Coach Randy Shackelford, Chickasaw Science Bowl participants David Scott, Randi Howard, Josh Boggs, Rha Shonda Keehn and Jess Lam; and Chickasaw Nation Education sponsors Beth Campbell and Waylon Cotanny.

Five Chickasaw students recently competed in the Native American Science Bowl in Albuquerque.

The Native American Science Bowl is affiliated with the National Science Bowl program, managed by the U.S. Department of Energy. The Science Bowl program is designed to increase participation and proficiency in science, mathematics and technology. A total of 20 Native American schools competed in this year's Native American Science Bowl.

Competing on behalf of the Chickasaw Nation were David Scott and Randi Howard, of Ada High School; Josh Boggs, Wapnucka High School; Rha Shonda Keehn, Madill High School; and team captain Jess Lam, Pauls Valley High School.

The Chickasaw team placed first in the small school division (Eagle Division).

Accompanying the Chickasaw Science Bowl team were Chickasaw Nation Education sponsors Beth Campbell and Waylon Cottany. The team was coached by Randy Shackelford, of Paoli High School.

Pfc. Corbin on duty in Iraq

Pfc. Jennifer Ann Corbin, 21, a U.S. Army combat medic with the 125th Stryker Brigade Support Battalion based at Ft. Lewis, Wash., has been deployed to Mosul, Iraq.

She joined her unit as a replacement, leaving Ft. Lewis Dec. 21 for Kuwait and arriving in Mosul on Christmas Eve. She is presently posted at Forward Operating Base Marez, Mosul.

Corbin completed basic combat training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, on June 16 and Advanced Infantry Training on Oct. 14.

She is the daughter of Gene and Mary Corbin, of Durant, Okla.; and the granddaughter



Pfc. Jennifer Ann Corbin

Milburn, Okla.; and Dorothy Green, Tishomingo, Okla.; and the late Johnnie Green.

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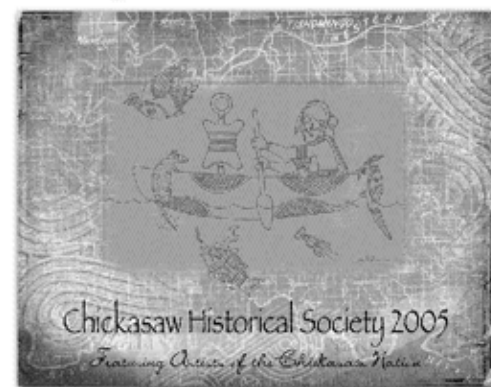
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Opening Ceremony: 10 a.m.
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Lunch - noon

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Stickball game: 4 p.m.
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Native-owned banks showing good performance

OKLAHOMA CITY - Profits at Native American banks continued to increase during 2004 and now exceed the earnings performance of their peer group.

Recent financial figures released by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation indicate that Native American-owned banks recorded an average return on equity of 11.3% versus the 8.5% figure posted by all U.S. banks under \$100 million in assets. In addition, as of December 31, 2004 the return on assets for Native banks equaled 1.15% as compared to their U.S. peer group average of 1.01%.

Native American banks also reflected stronger capitalization than their U.S. counterparts. Capitalization ratios at Native American banks equaled 10.22%

versus an average of 8.12% for all U.S. banks, according to J.D. Colbert, president of the North American Native Bankers Association, a trade association of Native-owned banks.

"The strong earnings performance and capitalization ratios represent a continuation of exceptional performance for Native American banks" Colbert said. "The Native American banking industry has not only surpassed its peer group in terms of such important measures as earnings and capitalization but also are closing the gap on these measures with respect to the averages for the entire U.S. banking industry."

As of December 31, 2004, there were 19 Native-owned banks in the U.S. Eleven of these banks are located in Okla-

homa.

The largest Native owned bank is Canyon National Bank in Palm Springs, Calif., with total assets of \$202 million. The smallest is AllNations Bank of Calumet, Okla. The average asset size for Native American banks is \$82 million. All 19 banks were profitable during 2004 and their total assets grew by an average of 8.5%.

The North American Native Bankers Association is a not-for-profit association of Native-owned commercial banks with a state or national banking charter. The association was formed in 1998 for the purpose of increasing the number of Native-owned banks and strengthening the existing Native banks. More information about the North American Native Bankers Association can be found at www.nanba.org.

Chickasaws at state capitol



Ben Keel recently visited with Oklahoma State Rep. Lisa J. Billy (R-Purcell) while watching the House session. Mr. Keel is a junior at the University of Oklahoma majoring in political science and Native American studies. Both Mr. Keel and Rep. Billy are Chickasaw citizens.

Storytelling evening at Pauls Valley

PAULS VALLEY, Okla. - All Garvin County and interested American Indians and family are invited to a storytelling evening by Robert Perry, starting at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 7, 2005, at Pauline Rodke's campfire.

These stories are "teaching stories" in the fashion of those told by our elders to educate the younger members of the Five Civilized Tribes.

Bring American Indian snack foods to share, and a flashlight, jacket or blanket, and a folding lawn chair for each person. For more information or to get directions, call Pauline Rodke 405-484-7219, or Don Somers 405-665-2828.

This group meets the first Tuesday of each month and has a program at most meetings. The May and June meetings will be at the Pauls Valley Chamber of Commerce. These programs will be classes on different kinds of hands-on beading, straight beading, beaded collars, key fobs, and beaded trinkets to hang on backpacks.

Do you know my name?

My name is known nationwide but seldom heard;
my anatomy is strong in every word;
I'm steadfast you are told;
my word is as pure as gold
My heart bleeds for every one who will hear;
I'm not prejudice you have no fear;
My arteries are open and will always be;
I'm clean and pure as you will see;
I digest every color and race;
come my child and be saved by grace;
My arms are out stretched I'm ready for you;
Please do what the word tells you to do;
My eyes are always open "Yes I see,"
No matter where you may be;
My back bone is strong like an arrow;
please get on the right road the straight and narrow;
My hands are extended waiting for a shake;
Come my child for the Lords sake;
My nerves are like steel waiting for lost souls
please surrender, it's worth more than gold;
my blood pressure is steady day and night;
My ears are ready to hear, You won the fight;
get ready for a place that's free from sin and disease
My spirit is working and never cease;
My legs and feet are always strong;
Follow me and you will never go wrong;
Pay no mind what others say
Be ready I'll show you the way
My voice is silent but you will learn;
You my child are my concern;
Read me and take me to heart;
Revelation is a place to stop, Genesis a place to start
some people scorn me when I'm around
In many places I cant be found
I or my name I am liable
I will tell you my name I am the Holy Bible
Magdalene Montgomery
Pauls Valley Senior Site 2-8-05

Native American Junior Open slated for May in Ardmore

ARDMORE, Okla. - The Native American Junior Open is scheduled for May 31 at Lakeview Golf Course in Ardmore.

The event is open to all Native American golfers, ages eight to 18. The top five Chickasaw golfers and the top five Choctaw golfers will qualify for participation in the National Native American Junior Golf

Championships in San Diego, Calif.

Registration for the Native American Junior Open begins at 8:30 a.m. on the day of the event. Tee time is 9 a.m.

For more information, contact Christ Alford at (580) 272-5551 or Shannon Campbell at (580) 310-6620.

Rabies clinics planned

The Chickasaw Nation Community Health Representatives (CHR) program has announced two upcoming rabies clinics.

The Ada Rabies Clinic will be conducted April 29 at the Office of Environmental Health parking lot from 10 a.m. to noon. The OEH building is located off of Lonnie Abbott Boulevard in Ada, across from the PEC

warehouse.

The Allen Rabies Clinic will be conducted May 13 at the Allen City Park from 10 a.m. to noon.

Individuals with CDIB cards are invited to bring their pets to the rabies clinics.

For more information, call (580) 436-7256.



Council of Elders learns of tribal Lighthouse Police, K-9 officers

**Submitted by
Robert Perry for the
Council of Elders**

The Chickasaw Council of Elders (COE) met at the Chickasaw Motor Lodge in Sulphur on Thursday, February 17.

The invited speaker was Mrs. Lisa John, Special Assistant to the Governor, responsible for Self-Governance and national issues that affect tribes.

Under self-governance the Chickasaw Nation assumed responsibility for the operation of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Law Enforcement Services on October 1, 2004 and renamed the police, Chickasaw Lighthouse Police. The jurisdictional area is the same 13-county area described in the Chickasaw Constitution.

In the past, BIA funding allowed for one officer on duty at a time and this officer was responsible for all 13 counties. The tribe has added funding to double the manpower, added three K-9 officers and a 24-hour dispatch. The Lighthouse Police have full authority to arrest members of federally-recognized Tribes on Indian land within the 13 counties of Chickasaw Nation, such as trust land and restricted land. Chief of the Lighthouse Police, Jason O'Neal, formerly with the BIA Law Enforcement Services said that although the former BIA Police Force no longer exists anyone calling the old number, (580) 436-1166, would be forwarded to the Lighthouse dispatch. Currently, the Lighthouse are in their third applicant testing, choosing the best new officers from over 100 qualified applicants.

Officer Eric Farmer introduced Max, his K-9 German Shepherd partner. Shepherds are chosen for their skill in attack and narcotic detection and Max came from the oldest kennel in Germany that breeds dogs for K-9 service. Officer Farmer can enter a building and call out to a hidden offender that he as to minutes to come out or the K-9 will be released. Max has even found offenders hiding in the attic. The dog is trained not to be vicious; but will bite and hold until commanded to release, when he returns to the K-9 offi-

cer. The dog's only reward for a good job is a rubber ball to chew. The Lighthouse Police have received requests from area police departments for assistance from the Lighthouse K-9. At some time in the near future, the Lighthouse will demonstrate the use of the K-9 corps to employees and COE will be invited to observe.

Mr. Kirk Perry provided transcribed copies of the Journal of the Congress to Augusta, Georgia in the fall of 1763, where the English met the representatives of five Southeastern tribes including the Chickasaw. It was interesting that the Cherokees made overtures of peace and friendship with the Chief of the Chickasaw Piamataha, which when accepted, gave him a string of white beads. A big concession of the English to make a peace was to set aside 15 square miles for the Catawba's (Carolina) and agree to remove white settlers from within. At the close of the meeting, the chiefs signed by their mark...no X's but usually some unique creative mark.

COE wants to preserve the stories of our Elders and has begun identifying these cultural treasures within the tribe. Bob Perry reported that the Chickasaw Historical Society (CHS), with the technical assistance of Chickasaw Multimedia, recently did an hour-long film interview with Mr. Ernest Guess at the Purcell Senior Citizen Site. Mr. Guess had told COE last month about his Chickasaw ancestors two of whom were Light Horseman.

Actions: Mrs. Beck is sharing information about an early Chickasaw Church that has survived named Sandy Creek (called Saddle Creek in error last month) around Fillmore. More of the history is being written for a future article. This church sings from the popular Choctaw Hymnal, which Mrs. Beck took orders for two hard-back versions that cost \$7 and \$11 each. Several members ordered copies. When one member asked why there is no source that tells where these hymns are sung, COE was asked to bring to the next meeting the names of Indian Churches in there area. Mr. B. Perry will submit a list to the *Chickasaw Times* to encourage others to attend. Mrs. Beck announced

that Murray College will give a class designed to teach language teachers how to facilitate teaching Chickasaw. The cost is \$33 for college credit. The class will be held for six all-day Saturdays from February 19 to April 9. Last month, COE asked for an honorarium be given to Council Member Winnie McNeely to be one of a group Native Singers invited to England in July. The

group size was altered and Ms. McNeely withdrew the request.

Announcement: after displaying replicas of authentic Chickasaw pipes, Mr. Kirk Perry answered a previous request by COE to tour the first exhibit of Southeastern art now being shown in St. Louis. A proposal has been made for COE and others to attend the third week of March, subject to approval.

Next Meeting: Sulphur Motor Lodge, 10 a.m. on March 17, Mr. Jesse Sanderfur was unable to attend today's meeting, but want to bring an Elder speaker to the next meeting. Other members will meet with other elders to arrange future talks to COE. COE asked that a Chickasaw artist be invited for the next meeting to discuss his work with Elders.

CNAsA robotics class learns secrets of robot engineering

While many students spent spring break parked in front of a television set, playing video games or wandering around the local mall, more than two dozen students ages 10 to 14 were exploring the world of robotics.

Students from southern Oklahoma and as far away as south Texas spent three days testing the limits of their imaginations as they studied, built and tested robots at the Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy (CNAsA) Robotics Camp.

Retired astronaut Charlie Dry, who grew up in Tishomingo, has been involved in organizing the CNAsA camps since the first one more than two years ago.

"With everything these kids could be doing, it really impresses me that they chose to be here," said Dry. "We have some very bright, dedicated students here. Some of these kids out here have been to every camp. I really believe some of these young people have the potential



From left, Renee Hogue instructs Leah Puller, Chaylum Hogue, and Blake Barnes in programming their robots.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media rela-

to be leaders at top science and aviation firms in the future."

Students at the camp learned there are many types of robots, which perform a wide variety of work.

"Robots are not nearly as simple as they might look," said Heather Cheney, who traveled from her home near Houston, Texas to attend the camp. "It

takes almost a whole day to put together a tiny robot with a tiny motor. It's really complicated."

Students not only learned the physics and engineering that goes into creating robots, they also had the opportunity to actually build, program and test several of the machines.

"I liked working with the robots," said Sara Miller. "I thought it was just going to be like learning from a book, but we actually got to do more hands on activities. We learned how difficult it was to program a robot and how to make the robots work together."

Josh Hatton agreed that programming the robots is more difficult than one might imagine.

"It's not as easy as you think it is," said Josh.

While this is the third CNAsA camp, it is the first venture into the field of robotics, according to Dry, who also indicated this is only the beginning.

"We hope to have these kids building robots from the ground up and competing on a national level in the next two to three years," he said.



Retired astronaut Charlie Dry helps students work on their robots.

Chickasaw educator wins Aboriginal Achievement Award



DR. EBER HAMPTON

Dr. Eber Hampton, a Chickasaw who has devoted his life to education, received a National Aboriginal Achievement Award March 31, 2005, for his work as president of First Nations University in Saskatchewan, Canada.

"For me, being a Chickasaw who has worked in education for his whole life, to be recognized by the aboriginal people in Canada as making a contribution here, it feels really good," said Dr. Hampton. "It's kind of humbling and an honor at the same time, in the sense of knowing how many people contributed to the work there and that I just kind of gained the recognition for what has been accomplished by lots of people."

Dr. Hampton earned a doctorate in education from Harvard University and also served as director of Harvard's American Indian Program from 1982 to 1986.

He was born in Talihina, Oklahoma, in 1942, and his family moved to California when his father, Eber Hampton Sr., returned from World War II.

Having been involved in education for most of his life, Dr. Hampton has seen a number of changes through the years.

"A huge change is the move toward Indian control of Indian education - Indian people stepping up to the plate and taking responsibility for assuming jurisdiction over our own education and beginning to become educators and school board members and taking a very vocal role," said Dr. Hampton. "The big push happened late 60s early 70s both in the U.S. and Canada. And I think it's made a big difference. We still have a long way to go, though."

For that reason, he thinks it is very important young people get

the message that their contributions are vitally important.

"We need to get it across to our young people that we really do need you. We can't afford to lose out on the contributions that you can make," said Dr. Hampton. "For us as older people, we've done the best we could with what we've had to work with. But there's a lot of things still to be done to improve things for our people."

"We want to support our young people in developing their own capacity and being part of the solution to the challenges that we face. And they can do it. We'll give them whatever help we can, but it's their life that they've got to figure out what their contribution is and how to make it."

Working in many different situations has given Dr. Hampton a greater understanding of the challenges Indian students and Indian educators face.

"I had worked in a lot of non-Indian universities and I was used to this routine of working with a university to try to develop good education for Indian students," said Dr. Hampton. "It's sometimes been an uphill battle and at other times I had a lot of support from the university. But it was like explaining Indian students and how to best serve them to the university."

That situation changed, however, when he began his work at First Nations University, then Saskatchewan Indian Federated College, in 1991.

"For the first time I had a board of governors who understood Indian people, were Indian people and had the interests of the students at heart, along with a real understanding of what we needed to do and a lot of encouragement and actual demand to push ahead and do what we needed to do to increase the success of our students."

While Dr. Hampton believes the development of Indian controlled educational institutions is very important, he does not think that Indian universities should be the only game in town.

"I think what we need is a choice for our students," said Dr. Hampton. "Some of our students would choose to go to a non-Indian university and I would say more power to them

and do everything we can to support them and encourage their success, including working with those universities, getting on the boards of those universities, encouraging our people to be faculty members, etc."

"So there's a lot to be done in working with non-Indian universities, but I think our students need the choice to attend an Indian university, even if it's a different culture or a different language."

"It may not always be the same culture and language," he continued. "Here I am up here in Cree and Desoto and Dine' country working at this university. It feels comfortable to be in a university where over half of our full-time faculty are Indian and the majority of our student body are Indians. And it's kind of a different experience than always being in the

minority. Plus, it's the challenge of Indian people running a university. That's a good challenge, it stretches us, gives us a chance to really develop that expertise and that experience."

Acknowledging that many Native American people have the challenge of trying to make knowledge from two different worlds work together, Dr. Hampton said a major key to accomplishing that is respect.

"I finally started gaining a new understanding when I was talking with one of my sons and realizing that we talk about respecting everyone. And in a way that's an expression of self-respect. It's not so much about the other person as it is about being a respectable, respectful person. Respectful and respectable go together," said Dr. Hampton. "When we extend respect to other people and other

world views and stuff, that's the respectable thing to do."

"The challenge to realize that other people actually do, or other cultures may actually think different. It's a way of kind of having respect for our own culture and our own knowledge to say 'okay, I'm secure enough in what I know that I can listen to you and I don't have to give up my own knowledge, my own perspective in order to learn something from you.'"

"And I think the other side of it is I respect myself and I respect you enough that I'm going to tell you how I actually think. I'm not going to say 'okay, I'll do it your way, even though I don't believe it. It's like if I have to, I'll do what I have to, but at the same time, I want to tell you how it looks to me.'"

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Dr. Eber Hampton: committed to Native education

Dr. Eber Hampton is a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation. He was born in 1942 in Talihina, Okla., and grew up in California.

Dr. Hampton graduated from Westmont College in 1964 with a Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, in psychology. Following his graduation he held positions as a lecturer of classes like "Psychology of Learning," "Psychology of the Exceptional Child" and "Culture and Personality." He was the co-director of a residential college program set up by Mankato (MN) State University to provide a "total education environment" for students from the White Earth Reservation and he was the director of the Minority Group Study Center at the same university. While at Mankato State University he contributed to the work of many community-based Indian organizations.

In 1978, Dr. Hampton received the Bush Foundation Leadership Development Fellowship, which is granted to individuals who demonstrate exceptional leadership skills. With that Fellowship, he attended Harvard University where he received his Ph.D. from the Harvard Graduate School of Education in 1988. His dissertation topic was "Steps Toward a Native Theory of Education."

He was the Director of the

American Indian program at Harvard University from 1982 to 1986. He was responsible for teaching Indian Education, providing student support, fundraising, administration and working with members of the faculty and community. It was there that he gained a reputation for bringing people together in a supportive environment and contributing to the success for the people around him.

After work at the University of Alaska at Fairbanks and the College of Rural Alaska and

Chairman, in 1991, Dr. Hampton became president of First Nations University of Canada (formerly Saskatchewan Indian Federated College), spearheading the fundraising campaign to build the university's main campus in Regina.

Dr. Hampton is noted as an academic who has an exceptional interdisciplinary vision and who has also kept in touch with the traditional values of his own and other Indian communities.

Cole, Boren in Iraq



U.S. Rep. Tom Cole (R-Okla.), rear center, and U.S. Rep. Dan Boren (D-Okla.), middle center, recently toured Iraq. Rep. Cole, a Chickasaw, and Rep. Boren spent time with American military personnel throughout the country.

Chickasaw language facilitators learning to teach

About 25 students have been meeting to learn language teaching methods and develop strategies to generate more interest in preserving the Chickasaw language.

There could hardly be a more diverse group than the students who answered the call to become language facilitators for the Chickasaw Nation language revitalization program.

Ages range from early twenties to well past 70. Some learned Chickasaw as a first language and still speak fluently, while others may struggle to utter one or two words in Chickasaw.

What they all have in common, however, is a strong desire to see the Chickasaw language live on

for generations to come.

Responding to a questionnaire about why it is important to preserve the language many students mentioned that language and culture are intertwined.

"Culture, heritage and arts are more important than all other needs," wrote Chickasaw legislator Scott Colbert. "Language is culture and only those who have learned and preserved the language can pass the knowledge on."

JoAnn Ellis agreed that "we will lose our culture if we don't preserve our language," while Geraldine Greenwood said that the language is a gift from the maker which "belongs to us, the Chickasaw people."

That desire to preserve the language and culture has brought more than two dozen students together to learn effective methods for passing on the language.

In the first stage of the revitalization program, facilitators will work with fluent speakers to help those with some knowledge of the language to become proficient.

While there are dozens, or possibly hundreds of Chickasaws who learned Chickasaw as their first language, many of them no longer speak the language regularly.

As a result of this lack of use, many of those who were fluent in the language at one time may

now have difficulty carrying on a conversation or expressing their ideas in the language.

These individuals should be able to once again become proficient in the language in a very short period of time and are a key to success of the revitalization program.

Suggestions to make the class attractive to these prospective students include structuring classes around activities such as meals, cookouts, or trips to museums or cultural sites.

Other suggestions included using storytelling or demonstrations by skilled artisans as an opportunity to combine the teaching of language and culture.

In addition to the students,

five professors from universities in Oklahoma and Texas feel strongly enough about the importance of revitalizing the Chickasaw language that they are devoting time to the project.

Dr. William Pulte, Abigail Bartoshesky from Southern Methodist University, Durbin Feeling from the University of Oklahoma, Veronica Pasternak from the University of North Texas and Adriana Rodriguez from Richland College are contributing their knowledge of teaching methods and language revitalization programs to the effort.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

More than mere words

Knowledge of history, psychology, law found in language

Dr. Eber Hampton, a Chickasaw who is president of First Nations University in Canada and recently won the National Aboriginal Achievement Award in that country, told the story that his own father regretted not passing on the Chickasaw language.

"My father, the last time he and I talked before he passed away, he said he had made a mistake not to pass on the language to me," said Dr. Hampton. "At the time he thought

English was the way to go. He thought that was going to be the best for me. He didn't want me to have to go through what he went through. But he told me, he said it was a mistake."

That it was a mistake not to pass on the language was later

confirmed.

"I think that's part of why in my early 20s, late 30s I went through a really rough time in my life," said Dr. Hampton, now 63, who is a former director of Harvard University's American Indian program and has won

language.

numerous awards for his work in Indian education.

"When people give me awards or something they're recognizing the positive stuff, but I had a really tough time as an individual with knowing who I

was and coming to terms with what it means to be an Indian at that time in history. And it was actually in kind of feeling like I made a reconnection with my Indian identity that helped me through that time and kind of got me on a better track.

"And I think that's where language is key," continued Dr. Hampton. "I remember one elder telling me that the language is our history book, it's our psychology book, it's our law book. There's a lot of knowledge that's in the language, that for

people like me that don't have the language, are missing out on that."

Dr. Hampton went on to give the example of using a word in the Cree language to develop an academic freedom policy for First Nations University.

"To be recognized as a university we needed to have an academic freedom policy," said Dr. Hampton, who asked some of the Cree elders if there was a word in their language that conveyed the idea of academic freedom.

"They gave me a word and they said this is the word we use for when the elders stand up during a ceremony and they tell the truth as they know it and nobody's supposed to criticize them for it. And from that we developed an academic freedom policy that says that our faculty members have the responsibility to tell the truth as they know it. And then for us as a university we're supposed to protect them. They're not supposed to be punished for telling the truth as they know it."

Summer Youth Program accepting applications

ADA, Okla. - Applications are now available for the 2005 Chickasaw Nation Summer Youth Program.

Native American youth from 14 to 21 years of age by June 6, 2005 are eligible to apply for the program, where they can gain valuable work experience and earn an average of more than \$200 per week for the eight week program.

To apply for the program, youth need to supply a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood, proof of residence, income verification and social security card, as well as a recent report card, achievement test scores or transcript. Males 18 and older also need to supply a selective service number.

While the deadline to return applications to area offices is May 2, youth are encouraged to apply early.

Work sites will be assigned on a first-come, first served basis for those who have completed the application.

For information or an application contact your local area office.

Tishomingo Area Office
815 E. 6th Street
P.O. Box 192
Tishomingo, OK 73460
(580) 371-9512

Ada Area Office
520 E. Arlington
P.O. Box 1548
Ada, OK 74821
(580) 436-2603 Ext.7365

Sulphur Area Office
2200 W. Broadway
Sulphur, OK 73086
(580) 622-2888

Duncan Area Office
1215 W. Willow
Duncan, OK 73533
(580) 252-4119

Purcell Area Office
1603 S. Green Street
P.O. Box 1620
Purcell, OK 73080
(405) 527-6667

Ardmore Area Office
39 N. Washington
Ardmore, OK 73401
(580) 226-4821

Haskell's 2005 Alumni of the Year

LAWRENCE, Kan. - Each year the National Haskell Alumni Association honors alumni for outstanding contributions to Haskell, their Indian community, and to alumni activities.

This year, the honor goes to Dempsey Micco and Barney Old Crow. Dempsey is the Seminole/Creek from Weleetka, Okla., and Barney is Crow from Montana.

The Honor Dinner is May 13 at the Holidome in Lawrence at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person. Make checks to NHAA and mail to Treasurer, P.O. Box 1534, Claremore, OK 74018 before May 1. POC: Louis Taylor, 505-831-6522; email LJT50@aol.com

Christopher Garrett Morgan

Christopher Garrett Morgan, 4 months, is the son of Scott and Melissa Morgan. He is the grandson of Vicky and Bill Gold, Gayle and Shelby Morgan and Buddy Tartsah. He is the nephew of Rachael and Marcus Tartsah and Stacy Morgan.

He is our pride and joy because he brought such joy to our families when he was born. He is growing so much and already makes us laugh. Just sitting and looking at him makes us smile. He has beautiful blue eyes like his Dad and curly dark hair like his Mom.

Garrett you can always be sure that you are very much loved and a true blessing



Benjamin Lee Gold

Benjamin Lee Gold, 3, is the son of Billy Jack and Starla Gold. He is the grandson of Bill and Vicky Gold, Harold and Gwenda DePasse and Donna Linton.

Ben is our pride and joy because he is so loving, funny and smart. He loves drag racing with his Daddy and Pappa Bill. His sparkling blue eyes shine whether he is loving you or being "onorary." Ben you are a true blessing and we love you very much!



Juliana Nicole Walk



Juliana Nicole Walk is the daughter of Kely and Marci Walk. She is the granddaughter of Connie and Gary Walk and Verlayne Vale Omeara.

This child is my pride and joy because she is a joy and a blessing from God.

Jace Don Hunter

Jace Don Hunter is the son of Jimmie Hunter, II and Courtney Hunter.

This child is our pride and joy because of his sweet, sweet smile and because he is ours.



Aubri Lynn Brauning

Aubri Lynn Brauning is the daughter of Justin Brauning and Amber Coon. She is the granddaughter of Jim and Kay Brauning and Jimmy and Susan Harjo, and the great-granddaughter of Helen and the late Charley Leader, Wayne and Nelmon Brauning, and the great-great-granddaughter of Mary Clifford.

Aubri is 2 1/2 years old. I treasure the time I spend with her. She is an animal lover so she loves to pet her Pop Pop Brauning's horses, Shotgun and Penny, and the dog Callie and the cat Sassy.



Alisha Scruggs

Alisha Scruggs is the daughter of Melissa Arispe. Alisha has one brother Brandon Scruggs, and one sister Christa. She has one newly born niece Desiree Nicole Jeffery.

I just wanted to tell her that I am proud of her and many others for serving our country. Thanks Alisha,
Love Mom



Brittney Nicole Conway



Brittney Nicole Conway, 17 months, is the daughter of Jim and Linda Conway. She is the granddaughter of Don and Peggy Prather.

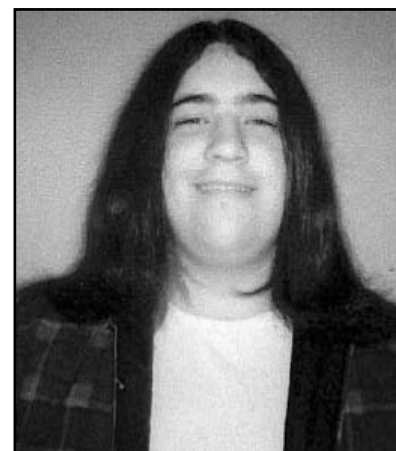
Brittney, you will always be our pride and joy because you'll always be a sunbeam, smiles for the soul and hugs reaching up to outstretched arms, you'll always be dreams gently flowing into flowers, you'll always be butterfly kisses blowing in the wind, always be the gift of God, years growing onward you will always be our pride and joy, our happiness, our song. We will always love you.

Mom, Dad and Grandma and Grandpa Prather.

Matthew Bintz

Matthew Bintz is the son of Kathy Bintz and Ed Bintz. He is the grandson of Larry and Jo Bintz.

Matt graduates from Grants Pass High School in June with a GPA of 4.4 which he has maintained. He has been student of the month and has several awards for his excellent learning abilities. He plans to attend college for a degree in computer science in the fall of 2005.



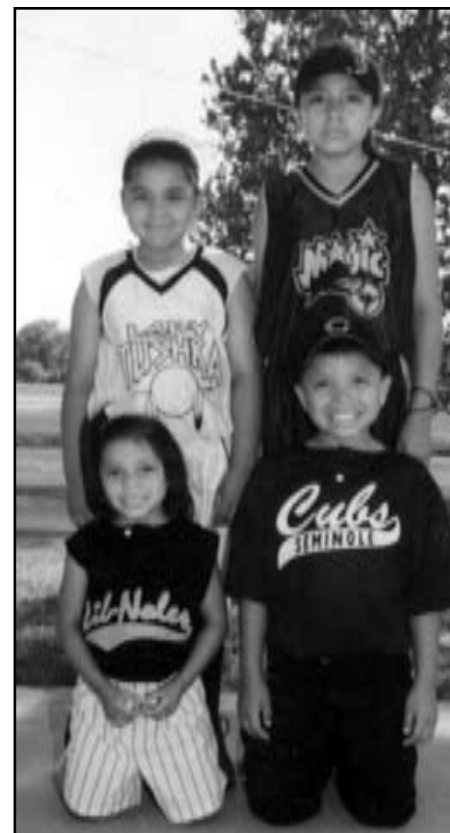
Brooke Schumacher

Brooke Schumacher, we love you so much! Your Dad and I are so very proud of you and all that you do. You have such a sweet personality and such a caring heart. We look forward to what the future holds for you!! Love Mommy and Daddy



Wynter, Summer, Chebon and Christian

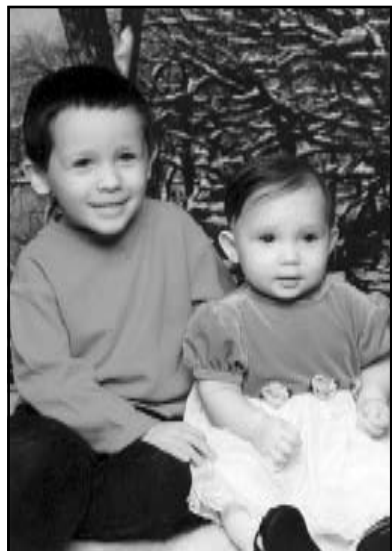
Wynter, Summer, Chebon, and Christian are the children of Jason Brauning and Sally Wind. They are the grandchildren of Dave and Dora Hill, Jesse and Martha Wind, Jim and Kay Brauning. Great-grandparents are Helen and the late Charley Leader, Wayne and Nelmon Brauning, and great-great-grandchildren of Mary Lois Clifford. These four kids love to play sports. They play softball, baseball, and basketball.



John and Tamara West

John and Tamara West are the children of J.D. and Lavonna West.

Our children have blessed our lives in so many ways. They are



Jolie Makayla and Kelsey Nakaya Morgan

Jolie Makayla and Kelsey Nakaya Morgan are the children of Matthew and Candessa Morgan, Ada, Okla. They are the paternal grandchildren of Doyle and Marilyn Morgan and the paternal great-grandchildren of Mary and the late RL "Dutch" Heck, the late Tom and Lora "Polly" Morgan. They are the maternal grandchildren of Faye "Paige" Tehee and Houston and Louella Tehee.

Jolie attends the Chickasaw Nation Head Start and Kelsey attends the Chickasaw Nation Child Development Center. They are two sweet and beautiful girls who bring joy into their families lives. We are very thankful for them and can only look forward to their future and the surprise it is sure to hold.



Christy Saunders

Christy Saunders and Daneille Scott are the daughters of Nancy Pollock and stepfather Tim Pollock.

They are the granddaughters of Paul and Lois Guynes and nieces of Ron Guynes. They are the great-great-granddaughters of original enrollee Margaret James.

These girls are our pride and joy because: Christy is a full-time employee of Safeway in Cameron Park, California and is pursuing her diploma and will be taking college courses soon. Her sister Daneille graduated from Lowry High School in Winnemucca, Nevada and has been working three jobs. She will be starting a Vocational Tech School soon to be a dental hygienist and one day have her own office. We are so proud of what you two young ladies have accomplished and what your goals are for the future. Mom is especially proud of you, for coming from a single parent home, we broke the statistics again!!! I love you girls so very very much! You make the family proud.



Danielle Scott

Joseph Benjamin Willeford

Joseph Benjamin Willeford is the son of Jason and Becky Willeford. The grandson of Debra Vaughn and great-grandson of Becky Thompson. This child is our pride and joy because he brings happiness to everyone he meets. Love Grammy.



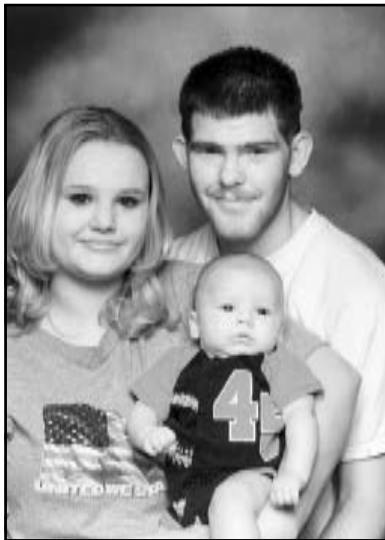
Levi Ledford



Levi Ledford, three months, is the son of Blaise and Victoria Ledford, grandson of Keith and Connie Turpin, Tyler and Sara Ledford, and Betty Dewitt. Levi has brought joy and love to all of us. A true gift from God, and we all love him so much. Grandma Joey is going to take him fishing and hunting all the time. He's going to be little sidekick. Love Grandma Joey

Blaise, Toria and Levi Ledford

Blaise, Tori and Levi Ledford. They're my pride and joy because of the love and devotion they have for each other and they have turned in to wonderful parents to my grandson Levi. Love Mom



Chris, Brian, Cas, Cody, Mel, Tracy and Scott Dewitt

The Dewitt children, Chris, Brian, Cas, Cody, Mel, Tracy, and Scott. I remember these scary little faces as if it were yesterday. I am proud of all of you, you will always be my pride and joy. Your aunt and Mom will always be there for you no matter what. I love ya'll. Love Mom and Aunt Betty Jo.

Chris, Jayma, Kayleigh and Madyson McWethy

Chris, Jayna, Kayleigh and Madyson McWethy are my pride and joy because they love life and love their children dearly. They're wonderful parents, children and grandchildren. I am very proud to have Chris as my son and Jayna as my daughter in law. God was watching over Chris when he brought Jayna into our lives. Love Mom



Cherokee Standon

Cherokee Standon is the daughter of Rick Standon and Betty Dewitt, granddaughter of Serena Bounds and the late Allen Dewitt. Cherokee is my pride and joy because she's loveable, funny, kind, compassionate. She loves her animals and she has as heart of gold. She has been a blessing to her Mom and mama Betty Jo. Love Mama Betty Jo.



Michelle Castellanos

Michelle Castellanos is the granddaughter of Terri Lozano. She has brought joy and happiness to our family.



Avery Allen Avila Ashton Matthew Avila and Zachariah Johnson

Avery Allen Avila, 11, Ashton Matthew Avila, 5, are the children of Christa and Eusebio Avila. Zachariah, 18 mos., is the son of Courtnie Johnson. The grandchildren of V. Johnson. These children are my pride and joy because they are my grandsons. Each one is very special to me. Avery is easy-going and has a great sense of humor, he makes me laugh. Ashton has a kind and loving heart, he makes everyone around him happy. Zachariah gives me a big hug and a happy smile that just makes my day. He also loves his Aunt Creeda and Aunt Cheryl. I love you. Grandma V. Johnson



Arden Butler Brown

Arden Butler Brown, 2 years, nine months, is the daughter of Stephen and Brooks Brown. The granddaughter of Dick and Millie Ebisch Brown. The great-granddaughter of C.A. Frederick and the late Matti Paul Ebisch. Arden is the first grandchild of Dick and Millie Brown. She is a sweet and loving grandchild to us and the apple of her parents' eyes. She loves to play house and enjoys going to her pre-school in New York. She will three years old May 1, 2005. She makes the celebration of May Day even more special. Her great-great-grandmother Matti Paul was an original Chickasaw enrollee. She is a joy to her aunts Kristina and Jade and her uncles Christopher



Crystal Dawn Lindsey

Crystal Dawn Lindsey is the granddaughter of Larry and Jo Bintz. She is graduating this year from Panhandle State (OK) University 01-05 with a Bachelor's degree in Biology/Pre-Physical Therapy. We are very happy for you.



Jasmine and Ellymay Matsumuro

Jasmine and Ellymay Matsumuro are the daughters of Betty and Jeff Irons. They are the grand-daughters of Jim and Shirley Mullins. They are our pride and joy because they have given us lots of love and happy times and they mean the world to all of us. Their Aunt Linda feels the same.



Kelsey and Matt Martin

Kelsey and Matt Martin are the children of Matt Martin and Millie Pratt. They are the grandchildren of Betty and Mike Martin and Jewell Shawnee and Steve Pratt, and the great-grandchildren of the late Tommy and Lizzie Frazier. We are so happy to have Kelsey and Baby Matt as our grandchildren. It is a joy to watch them grow and learn. We love them



Rylee Parry



Rylee Parry is the daughter of Lee and Jessica Parry, and the granddaughter of Stephen and Sue Ellen Lea, Karen Lea, and John and Sandra Parry. Rylee is our pride and joy because she brings

so much happiness and fun into our lives. She keeps us on our toes and amazes us everyday with all the new things she learns. Her laugh is cute as can be and she is the most beautiful baby we have ever seen. Rylee completes our lives and we love her more than we could ever express.

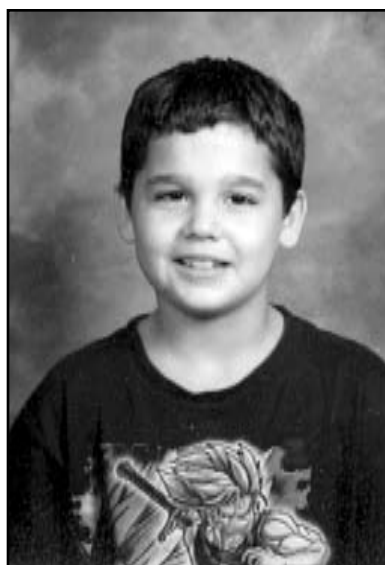
Payton Stinnett



Payton Stinnett is the son of Chris and Misty Stinnett. He is the grandson of Ron and Kay West and Arthur and Bessie Stinnett. He is the great-grandson of Don and Marcine Brooks and the great-great-grandson of Mary Lois Clifford

and Emma Foster.

He is our pride and joy because he is so funny and smart and also because he is our son!



Nicholas
Price



Alexander
Price



Kaytlyn
Price

Nicholas, Alexandra and Kaytlyn are the children of James and Tina Price.

They are our pride and joy because they have survived the past year of their Dad being deployed to Iraq. They graciously understood when he chose deployment instead of staying back as the Rear D Commander. It gave me the greatest gift of pride when they all said at different times to me we know the people of Iraq need him to help make sure they can be free like we are. Not that there weren't a fair amount of tears and many nights of worrying, especially during some of the injuries to their friend's parent. They truly made this past year for me a little easier.

Catalina, Sundra, Sage and Conner Flansburg



In picture at left, Catalina, 3, her Mom Sundra, Sage, 7, and brother Conner, 11. Catalina is the daughter of Sundra Flansburg. Sage and Conner are the children of Miles Flansburg and Rebecca Marler. They are the grandchildren of Margaret and Leonard Flansburg.

These children are our pride and joy because they have very different personalities and are all fun to know, are interested in everything around them, are concerned for others, and reassure us about the future of the next generations.

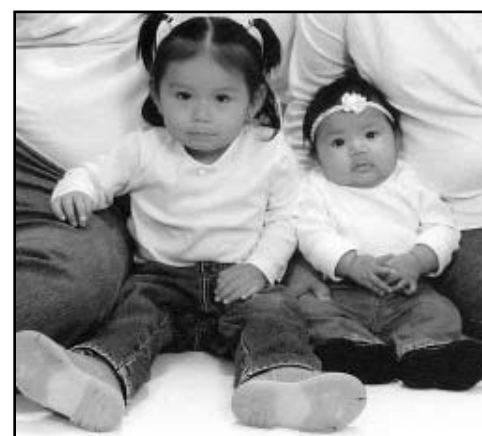


Emily and Natalie Sullivan

Emily, 3, and Natalie, one week, are the children of Tim and Stephanie Sullivan and the granddaughters of Betty Underwood, DeLoyd and Ironda Hicks and Tim and Belvia Sullivan.

Our two girls are truly gifts from God, and we are very thankful that they are happy, healthy and beautiful.

Makynlee and Cydnee Miller



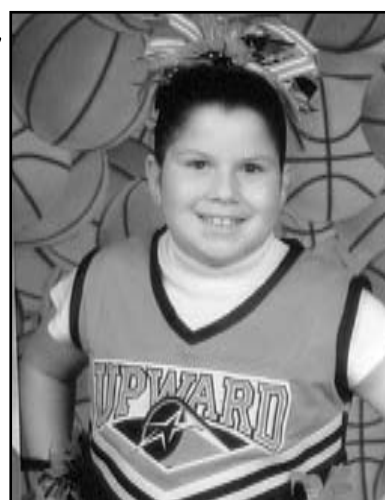
Makynlee and Cydnee Miller are the daughters of Rick and Sherri Miller. They are the granddaughters of Robert and Mae Hamilton, and Francis Miller.

They are our pride and joy for many reasons. They always have a big smile and laugh for you no matter what the circumstances. You never have a dull moment with the two of them around. They bring so much happiness in to our lives everyday. It is so blessing to call them our "daughters" and we are so proud to be called parents.



Cody Leon Patton

Michael Anthony Burke, Jr.



Ashley Dawn Fullbright

Michael Anthony Burke Jr., Cody Leon Patton, and Ashley Dawn Fullbright are the children of James and Linda Fullbright. They are the grandchildren of Audette Fullbright and Linda Middleton.

They fill our lives with love, laughter, and joy. Always a pleasure to be around and they make our lives worth living. Michael, Cody and Ashley we all love you so much. Love Mom, Dad, Grandma, and

Kayla Jo and Neely Wood

Kayla Jo and Neely Wood are the daughters of Patricia and Scott Wood. They are the granddaughters of Larry and Eugenia Wood, and Phyllis Seymore and the late Joe Plumley.

These girls love to bounce on the trampoline together one minute then fight each other the next. They are typical sisters. They are two beautiful girls whom I am very proud to have. Kayla has always been an honor roll student and is involved in cheerleading, softball, basketball, cross-country, track and tumbling. She is a very athletic and academic student. She likes to be involved in everything and keeps me very busy. Neely is starting to show a little more interests in sports. She is currently in soccer and will be in t-ball this summer. Neely is in dance at MSC and is Daisy Girl Scout. She has really become involved in cheerleading after watching her big sister for many years. My girls can be very demanding at times and they take alot of my energy but I couldn't imagine not having them. I am very lucky to have two beautiful and intelligent girls in my life. I love you very much! Mom



Jessie Frazier



Jessie Frazier is the daughter of Belvin and Sherri Frazier.

Jessie is the pride and joy of her parents because she is so cute and so smart. She is Mommy's little helper.

Johnathon DelFrate

Johnathon Terrence Delfrate is the son of Stephanie and Terry Delfrate. He is the grandson of Paulette Greenwood and John and Judy Delfrate and the great-grandson of Cordelia and the late Henry Greenwood.

"I Once Knew A Zebra"

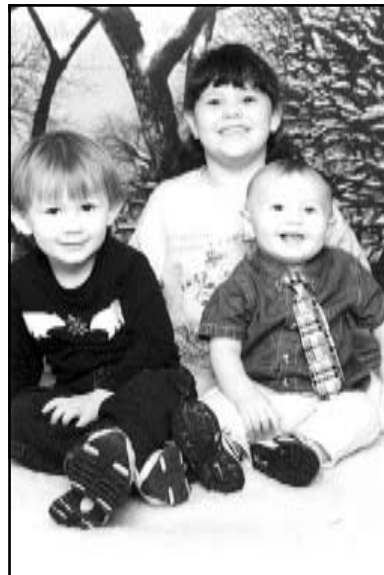
I once knew a zebra
His name was Clem.
Who was proud of his stripes
But was confused by them.
Clem was a zebra
With stripes that were white,
or stripes that were black.
But which one was right?
He decided he'd ask,
To get the final word.
So off he went,
To the head of his herd.
The head of the herd
was a might sight.
Strong, proud, and smart,
no one questioned his might.
When Clem was allowed
To ask his question.
He said am I white with black stripes, or the other direction.
The chief stood there
With a quite puzzled look.
He knew that he couldn't
just look in a book.
Then finally the chief answered
But not till he thought it through.
He said, your question deserves, the best we can do.
So he called for the elder
The one they called Kell.
Well ask him your question
And then we can tell.
When the wise one arrived
Everyone kneeled.
Out of respect for the knowledge they knew he concealed.
Then the chief spoke,
Please wise one help us all.
We have a dilemma,
We hope you can solve
Clem here has a question,
He'd like to ask.
Which way do his stripes go, are they white or are they black.
The wise one raised an eyebrow
and then made a sound.

Its not the stripes that matter, It's what's inside that counts. (c) 1999, Richard C. Johns

Johnathon will always be our pride and joy no matter what he does or where he'll be. The future is his and he can be anything and anywhere he wants to be. We love him for what's on the inside not the outside and he sees the same in others.



Amberly, Michael and Nicholas Tatum



Amberly, Michael and Nicholas Tatum are the children of Shane and Shawna Tatum. The grandchildren of Karen Odom, Vera Pettigrew, Michael Tatum, J.T. and Verna Tatum.

Amberly is five years old and she attends Homer Elementary School. She is special to all of us. Amberly likes the outdoors and likes to play with her little brothers.

Michael is two years old, he is a special little boy. He likes to help with his little brother. He brightens our days. Michael loves to hang out with his Dad.

Nicholas is one year old, he is a very sweet baby. We enjoy watching him run and play. He is an exciting little boy. We are proud to have him. We love all of you, Grandma Karen

Alyssa McCullar



Alyssa McCullar is the daughter of Vallis and Kelli McCullar. She is the granddaughter of Teresa and Chris Snodgrass, Vera Pettigrew, and Carlo Anderson, Pauline Barnett, and Aunt Karen Odom.

Alyssa is special. She likes to sing and dance. She also likes to help around the house. It has been great watching her grow and listening to the things she says. We are proud of her. We love you, Grandma and Family

Ariel Snodgrass



Ariel Snodgrass is the daughter of Chris and Teresa Snodgrass, and Clarice Culberson. She is the granddaughter of Vera Pettigrew, Pat and Lori Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Fleming, Imogene Capps, and Aunt Karen Odom.

Ariel is our pride and joy because she brings joy and laughter into our lives. Ariel has a smile that will brighten even the gloomiest day. She is a very beautiful baby, and we are blessed to have her. We enjoy watching her grow and learn new words day by day. Ariel means everything to us. She is very special and we love her very much. Ariel has made our lives complete. She will always be out little girl. We love you Ariel!

Mom and Dad

Raven McCullar Pettigrew

Raven McCullar Pettigrew is the daughter of Vera Pettigrew and Vallis and Kellie McCullar. She is the granddaughter of Teresa and Chris Snodgrass, Amanda Grant, Carla Anderson, and Pauline Barnett.

Raven is a very beautiful young lady. She made the Governors Honor Club, and the Superintendents Honor Roll. Raven attends Washington Elementary. She likes to sing and dance. Raven is a member of the Chickasaw Nation Dance Troupe, and is proud of her heritage. We are all very proud of her. Keep up the good work Raven. We Love You,

Grandma and Family



Isiah Jacobs

Isaiah Jacobs is the son of Julie Nail and Maurice Jacobs. He is the grandson of Quanah and Sherry Nail, and Manuela Jacobs. He is the great-grandson of Ruth Frazier and the late Joe B. Frazier, Benjamin Nail and the late Fern Nail.

He is my pride and joy because he is a piece of me. God trusted me enough to give him to me. He makes me want to be a better person.



Maylon Newton

Maylon Newton is the daughter of Julie Nail and Jimmy Newton. She is the granddaughter of Quanah and Sherry Nail and Elaine and Jimmy Newton. She is the great-granddaughter of Ruth Frazier and the late Joe B. Frazier, Benjamin Nail and the late Fern Nail.

Maylon is my pride and joy because she is a piece of me. God trusted me enough to give her to me. She makes me want to be a better person.



Danya Impson



Danya Impson is the daughter of John and Lisa Impson. She is the granddaughter of Quanah and Sherry Nail and Gwen Impson. She is the great-granddaughter of Ruth Frazier and the late Joe B. Frazier, Benjamin Nail, the late Fern Nail, Emma Fisher, the late Robert Fisher, and the late Thomas and Marie Willie.

Danya is our pride and joy because she brings so much love, joy, and happiness into our lives. She is our sunshine.

Kaya Ann Marie Duncan

Kaya is the daughter of Shannon and Tracy Duncan. She is the granddaughter of Phil and Geneva "Gamble" Stapler.

Kaya is our pride and joy. She is five years old and doing well in pre-kindergarten, gymnastics and ballet class. She is such a blessing to our family. We are so proud of you!



Chad Fish and Reese Hamilton

Chad Fish is the son of Brad Fish and Cassandra Russell.

He is our pride and joy because he is such a good kid. He enjoys being "Uncle" to his seven nieces and nephews. Chad we love you and are very proud of you! Chris, Amanda and Mel.

Reese Hamilton is the son of Randall and Christina Hamilton.

He is our pride and joy because he always makes us laugh. Reese enjoys playing t-ball and loves his Game-boy.



Alora Dannon Boggs

Alora is the daughter of Jamie Walls and the granddaughter of Wendall and Celina Walls..

Dear Alora,

I miss you a great deal. You are my sunshine. It rains everyday in my life because I can't see your smiling face at the door greeting me after work everyday. You are growing into a beautiful person. You got a great laugh and a wonderful smile. You are going to be a wonderful person inside and out. I miss our games and I miss reading to you and tucking you into bed. I miss all those funny faces you make at me. I miss us dancing together until we can't dance anymore. I love you with all my heart and soul!

Love you,
Mom



Thank you for all the 'Pride and Joy' submissions. Late submissions will be published in the May paper.



February 2005 Students of the Month

Students of the month have been selected for February 2005 in all four districts of the Chickasaw Nation.

Up to 24 awards are presented each month, as male and female student of the month awards are available in elementary, middle school and high school in each of the four districts of the Chickasaw Nation.

Each student of the month receives a recognition plaque and a \$25 Wal-Mart gift certificate.

All Native American students with a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood in grades one through 12 attending participating schools in the Chickasaw Nation are eligible for student of the month.

Students are nominated by teachers, counselors, JOM coordinators, principals or other school personnel in recognition of academic accomplishments, leadership qualities, positive attitude, work ethic, citizenship and other criteria.

Following are students of the month, along with selected comments from those who nominated each student.

Mason Bowen of Comanche, **Shay Tiemann**, Plainview, **Daylynn Black** and **Tayler Cathey** of Wilson Jr. High are the February students of the month in Pickens District.

"**Mason Bowen** performs high academically. He works hard and is eager to learn," said Jessica Standridge. "He always pays attention and participates. Mason takes pride in his work and takes his studies seriously. Mason has many leadership qualities and is a wonderful student."



"**Shay Tiemann** is a wonderful example for all students. She is an excellent leader and the students respect what she has to say," said Jessica Gilliam. "If I ever need anything done I can ask Shay and know with confidence that she will handle the task with ease. She is a very bright and caring young lady. In the world today it is sometimes difficult to find a child that thinks of others first but, Shay always thinks of their feelings instead of her own. Shay is an

excellent student and a joy to have in class and I feel that she is very deserving of this award."

"**Daylynn Black** is a very respectful, hardworking, student," said Marsha King-Bartling. "She is pleasant to be around and a joy to have in class. She studies hard and is always prepared for class."



"**Tyler Cathey** has consistently made good grades. He is always prepared for class and ready to participate in class. His attendance is always good," said Marsha King-Bartling.

"**Chad Branch** has been my student in both athletics and the classroom. He is a tireless worker, listens well, and always performs to the best of his ability," said Mike Pruitt. "He is a leader, not only in word, but also deed. He places others above himself and always puts his individuals below the objective of the project or event. I only wish I had more students like Chad and any award he could receive would certainly bring honor to your organization."



Julia Miller of Ravia Elementary, **Ashleigh Dunn** and **David Moody** of Tishomingo Jr. High are February, Students of the Month for the Tishomingo District.

"**Julia Miller** is a very sweet girl, she is always willing to help out whenever asked," said Debbie Adam.

"**Ashleigh Dunn** is a student who works hard and maintains good grades. She presents a positive attitude both in and out of the classroom," said Donna Owens.

"She is willing to help anyone who needs help. She is respectful of both teachers and peers.



She is a positive influence both at school and in her extra curricular activities."

"**David Moody** works very hard at school. His positive attitude and respectfulness make it easy to get along with him," said Donna Owens. "David comes to class prepared to work and set a example for the other students with his diligence. He participated in classroom discussion, but prefers to listen. One of his strengths is his desire to do better."

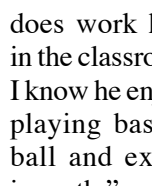


Imya Moore of Allen Elementary, **Travis Cowan**, **Cortnee Cantwell**, **Boaz Vandever**, **Tosa MacCollister** and **Tyler Gillum** of Latta School are the February Students of the Month for the Pontotoc District.

"**Imya Moore** is an outstanding student and young adult," said Shirley Perry. "She has shown me determination and responsibility in class and at home. She is well respected by her classmates and teachers. Imaya likes playing ball and reading. She is one of our finest."



"**Travis Cowan** is an engaging young man," said Tommy Collins. "He is personable and



does work hard in the classroom. I know he enjoys playing basketball and excels in math."

"**Cortnee Cantwell** is a very nice young lady and is very well liked at school," said Terry Painter. "Cortnee is involved in lots of different activities both at school. Cortnee would be a great representative of the Chickasaw Nation."



"**Boaz Vandever** is a very fine young man. He is a very good

student and is well liked by his peers and his teachers," said Terry Painter. He is very active in school such as basketball and FCA. He also participates in many academic events as well. Boaz would be a worth candidate for your award."



"**Tosha MacCollister** is a positive part of what we do at Latta High School. She is very active in extracurricular activities and she is well-liked by her peers and teachers," said Stan Cochran. "Just recently, I have been told by two of her teachers about the effort she puts forth in class and about her work ethic. She shows respect for others and she conducts herself in a mature and responsible manner. I know she represents the Chickasaw Nation and Latta High School in a way that makes us all very proud."

"**Tyler Gillum** is a very hard worker, who goes about his daily responsibility in a quiet, yet effective manner," said Stan Cochran. "He has alot of drive and self determination to be successful and gives his best effort. He always is respectful to authority and respectful of his peers. I always believe he represents Latta High School well and he will represent the Chickasaw Nation well as Student of the Month."



Alexis Olquin, **Nathan Roach**, **Padyn Hobgood**, **Cody Hodges**, and **Paige Miller** of Colbert School are the February Students of the Month for the Panola District.

Alexis Olquin is a fifth grade student at Colbert Eastward Elementary. "She has a bubbly personality and is always smiling and is very friendly," said Wanda Williams and Linda Carter. "Alexis is an honor student and a hard working student. She is well liked by her teachers and her peers. Alexis participates in all of the JOM and



Title VII activities the school offers. She is a good candidate for this award."

Nathan Roach is a sixth grade student at

East Ward Elementary. "He is a very good student and a hard worker. Nathan is well liked by his teachers and fellow students," said Wanda Williams and Linda Carter. "Nathan is a quiet natured young man with a friendly personality. He participates in the JOM and Title VII programs offered and has a good time. He is a good candidate for this award."

Padyn Hobgood is a seventh grade student at Colbert Middle School. "She is an excellent student, well liked by her peers and is a hard worker," said Wanda Williams and Linda Carter. "She has a terrific personality and is will mannered. Padyn participates in school sports and is on the school academic team. She participates in the JOM and Title VII programs and activities offered and enjoys learning and sharing her Indian culture with others."



Cody Hughes is a new seventh grade student at Colbert Middle School this year. "He is an honor student, well liked by his teachers and fellow students," said Wanda Williams and Linda Carter. "Cody participates in school sports and the academic team. He is a well rounded student and a good candidate for this ward."



Paige Miller is a freshman at Colbert High School. "She is very friendly and has a pleasant personality," said Wanda Williams and Linda Carter. "Paige works very hard and is an honor student. She serves on the Youth Council in the Panols District. Paige also particulates in the JOM and Tile VII programs offered by Colbert School. She is a



Spectre of revenge key element in early beliefs, actions

By **RICHARD GREEN**
Contributing Writer

When Spanish and French missionaries arrived in the Southeast to begin saving souls for Christ, they soon realized that they had a big job on their hands.

In the early 1700s, when the French Jesuits told Chickasaw chiefs Fattalamee and Oboystabee that killing for revenge is wrong, the Chickasaws may have thought there were translation problems or that these black robed priests were deranged.

In the Chickasaws' world, for as long as anyone could remember, the clan was obligated to seek retaliation for the death of a member. This duty was carried out with religious fervor and symbolism because it was a spiritual necessity. They believed that the soul of the deceased person could not rest until his or her death had been avenged. Once the French understood that the concept of blood revenge was imbedded too deeply in Indian culture to abolish, the governor, Bienville, came to believe that it would lead the Chickasaws and Choctaws to destroy one another.

The English who settled the colony of Carolina were interested in profits, not souls. And during their first years of ranging out from Charles Town into the interior of the southeastern part of the continent, Indian retaliation helped the planters and traders to get what they wanted: Indian slaves.

Probably the English didn't even understand or care that the dominant element of Indian warfare was not economic advantage or acquiring territory, but retaliation. All they knew was that retaliation resulted in more slave labor, which the English needed in their Caribbean sugarcane fields. That the English lacked this basic understanding is suggested later when they were unable to form a stable alliance between the Chickasaw and Choctaw to drive the French out of the lower Mississippi Valley.

In other words, when the English curtailed their slave business after 1715, and clan and tribal retaliation no longer promoted their economic interest, Carolina agents like James

Adair went out to try to mend fences between the tribes. Especially Adair, as a Chickasaw speaker and part-time resident in Chickasaw country, should have known that generations of blood feud could not be whisked away with diplomacy or by appealing trade goods. His actions, however, belie what he knew. Doubtless, his attempt to realize his goal of gaining a monopoly of Carolina's trade with the Choctaw clouded his judgment.

Even his predecessor, Carolina officer Thomas Nairne knew in 1708 after spending a week or less with the tribe that blood revenge was an integral component of tribal law. "In case of murder [murder] the next kinsman dispatches the Criminal (at any convenient opportunity) without Tryall [trial], or formality...This is allways allowed."

It's just a sentence but it also shows that Nairne understood that vengeance was the prerogative of clans, not the tribe. Clans were the most important social group to tribal members, according to Charles Hudson, whose 1976 book, *The Southeastern Indians*, remains perhaps the best (and most readable) ethnohistory of the people of his book's title. Only members of clans had status. If a war party captured an enemy, he could be tortured unmercifully and killed. But if he were adopted by a clan, members would protect him as one of their own.

Serious misdeeds, such as killing a person, were punished by clans, in accordance with the law of retaliation. It was the duty of the male blood relatives of the deceased to kill either the killer or a member of the killer's lineage. The law was applied, wrote Hudson, "with amazing consistency." Even accidents did not go unpunished because the Southeastern Indians "did not recognize degrees of homicide." The killer wasn't so much guilty as he was accountable.

Revenge According to Adair

More than thirty years after Nairne's visit, James Adair arrived in Chickasaw country. He began trading and living periodically with the Chickasaws, and based on his observations and discussions, wrote a book, *The*

History of American Indians. In the book, he demonstrated the importance of the law of retaliation to the tribe. He wrote that he had "known the Indians to go a thousand miles for the purpose of revenge" through terrible terrains and weather conditions, but such was their "overboiling revengeful temper that they utterly condemn all those things as imaginary trifles..."

It was a temper inflamed by the earnest and abiding belief that "the spirits of those who are killed by the enemy, without equal revenge of blood, find no rest, and at night haunt the houses of the tribe to which they belonged; but when that kindred duty of retaliation is justly executed they immediately get ease and power to fly away."

Adair amplified these points by relating an instance, in which a Chickasaw warrior set off alone to avenge the death of a near relative during a war with the Creeks. Arriving on the outskirts of the target town on the Koosa River, he hid under a fallen tree and waited for almost three days until a man, woman and girl passed by him just before sunset. He shot one, bludgeoned the other two and took scalps of all three, which he held up brazenly in view of the village, screamed a "death whoop" and hightailed it to the west. Reportedly two and a half days and 300 miles later, he arrived back home among the Chickasaws where the revenge ritual was played out.

As Adair noted, warriors, shouting with passion, cut the victims' scalps into several pieces that were fixed to pine branches, which were lashed to the roofs of the round winter houses where the deceased relations had lived. Adair was told that this ritual freed their ghosts to go to an intermediate, but unknown, place of rest, until they returned to live forever in "that tract of land which pleased them best, when in their former state."

This solemn religious ritual was attended by a long train of rejoicing women, "chanting with soft voices, their grateful song of triumph to [the chant] Yo He Wah." Warriors echoed them and gave out war whoops. Together, they danced over three days and nights, rejoicing in

their victory and releasing the spirits of their deceased kin from "the eaves of their houses which they haunted..."

Missionaries

Over his nearly 30 years of contact with the Chickasaw, Adair also observed the effect missionaries had on the tribe, and he had very little of a positive nature to report. Instead of reforming them, missionaries "corrupted their morals." Before departing for London in the early 1770s, Adair reported that the vanguard of American missionaries was largely wicked and ignorant.

That description brings to mind the first Christians to spend prolonged time among the Chickasaws in 1540-41. Nearly one hundred and seventy years later, the Chickasaw mentioned de Soto's visit to English officer Thomas Nairne. Among other things, the Chickasaws remembered the Hernando de Soto expedition for its savage behavior and the symbols of Christianity, the crosses and the priests. Thus, barbarism may have been linked to Christianity in the minds of the Chickasaw.

After a century of contact with Europeans and Americans, Chickasaws had learned that not all Christians were bad, but compared to Indians they were certainly inconsistent. The French and later Spanish missionaries preached about turning the other cheek, but the Chickasaw rarely observed the colonists doing so.

Then in 1799, the Rev. Joseph Bullen, a Presbyterian missionary, arrived in Chickasaw country intent on establishing a church and school. He was smart, industrious and kept a journal that has survived. While there is nothing in it directly about the law of retaliation, there are plenty of mentions, perhaps self-serving, of Bullen making headway with the tribal leaders, especially Levi and James Colbert and Wolfs Friend (also known as Ugulaycabe). Bullen wrote that Wolfs Friend brought his two youngest sons to live with and be educated by the missionary. In a meeting with the chief on June 23, 1799, Bullen wrote that the chief was receptive to his message that "all men are brothers," that all people sin, and that everyone is capable

of redemption. Presumably that would include warriors, whose vocation was exacting revenge.

H.B. Cushman wrote that another Colbert brother, Chief George Colbert, believed that Chickasaws were a virtuous people before whites came into their country. That is why, Cushman noted, that Chief Colbert opposed all innovation introduced by white people, including missions, schools and alcohol. Nonetheless, Colbert in around 1800 persuaded the tribal council to end the traditional tribal law of retaliation, according to Chickasaw interpreter Malcolm McGee in an 1841 interview. McGee didn't elaborate, so we don't know Colbert's reasons for advocating such a fundamental change in tribal law. But by 1800, the European colonial powers were no longer competing against one another in the Southeast or trying to manipulate tribes to their ends. As a result, the Chickasaws were at peace with their Indian neighbors.

In 1805, Dr. Rush Nutt wrote in his journal that he had learned that the Chickasaws "of late years [have] given up the idea of unjust retaliation...punishing the innocent for the guilty." Of course, Chickasaw retaliation did not correspond to an American or European sense of justice, but was an obligation to one's clan. By the 19th century, that sense of obligation was weakening among some tribal members, particularly the mixed blood leadership. As Nutt also observed: "The Indians are falling off from their former customs & habits very fast. There are a great many half breed among the Chickasaws...They are done with the hunt...they have laid down their gun & tomahawk & taken up the implements of husbandry."

While Nutt's opinion was somewhat exaggerated, retaliation was not applied as often because the Chickasaws were no longer at war with the tribal allies of the French and Spanish. Retaliation, however, was still a fact of life inside the tribe. Sometimes retaliation would be acceptable as a payment of

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Chickasaw Foundation 2005-2006 Scholarships

The Chickasaw Foundation Board of Trustees is pleased to offer the following scholarships for the 2005-2006 school year. It is the philosophy of the Chickasaw Foundation to provide educational assistance for students who demonstrate excellence in academics, community service, dedication to Native America and commitment to learning.

All applicants must complete the application and supply the appropriate documentation. Incomplete applications and/or applications lacking appropriate support documentation will not be considered. **All scholarship applications must be delivered or postmarked by Wednesday, June 1, 2005 to be considered for funding.** Applications are also available on the Chickasaw Nation website by visiting www.chickasaw.net. Please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030 if you are interested in applying for one of our scholarships or contributing to our scholarship program.

Computercraft Corporation Scholarship

- Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- Undergraduate students. Computer engineers, graphic designers, biologists, conference managers and international trade specialists recruited, however, the scholarship is not limited to these areas of study.

Colbert "Bud" Baker Scholarship

- Full-time Chickasaw students only.
- Junior or senior year in any four-year college.
- History major or education or pre-law major with a minor in history (Chickasaw or Native American studies emphasis).

- One - \$1,000 scholarship (\$500 per semester).

Native American Fund Advisors Scholarship

- Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 2.75 or higher.
- Undergraduate students.
- Major in finance, business or accounting.
- One - \$500 scholarship.

Janet Shaley James Memorial Scholarship

- Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Undergraduate students.
- One - \$500 scholarship.

Robert L. Walton Memorial Scholarship

- Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 2.0 or higher.
- Undergraduate, graduate or vo-tech students.
- One - \$500 scholarship.

Mary K. Moreland & Daniel T. Jenks Scholarship

- Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Undergraduate students in a four-year college.
- Major in education.
- One - \$1,500 scholarship (\$750 per semester).

Bank2 Banking Scholarship - In Memory of Mr. Robert Walton

- Full-time Chickasaw students only.
- Undergraduate students in any four-year college.
- Accounting, business or finance major and pursuing a career in banking.
- One - \$3,000 scholarship (\$1,500 per semester).

Bank2 Ta'ossaa-asha' Scholarship

- Full-time Chickasaw students only.
- Undergraduate students.
- Accounting, business or finance major and pursuing a career in banking.
- Three - \$1,000 scholarships (\$500 per semester).

Ann Eubank Health Scholarship

- Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Undergraduate or graduate students.
- Student pursuing a pre-approved health care related major.
- One - \$500 scholarship.

Chickasaw Foundation General Purpose Education Scholarship

- Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 2.0 or higher.

- Undergraduate or graduate students.
- One - \$500 scholarship.

Frederick L. Hill - The Hill Group Scholarship

- Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 2.0 or higher.
- Undergraduate students.
- Two - \$1,250 scholarships (\$625 per semester).

Vinnie May Humes Memorial Scholarship

- Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Undergraduate or graduate students.
- Major in Native American studies, history or education.

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- One - \$500 scholarship.

Donald D. Gunning Memorial Scholarship

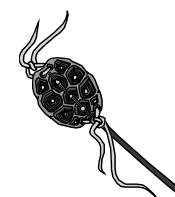
- Full-time Chickasaw students only.
- Student in freshman year at any two or four-year college.
- Proof of income (most recent filed tax form for financial need).
- One - \$500 scholarship.
- **Edward L. Kruger Memorial Ittish Aisha Scholarship**
- Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Graduate students enrolled in pharmacy school.

- One - \$1,000 scholarship (\$500 per semester).

Lillian Fowler Memorial Scholarship

- Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Undergraduate or graduate students.
- Social work or a pre-approved healthcare related major.
- One - \$500 scholarship.

Wesley D. Brantley, Jr. Scholarship



Brantley Scholarship



Wesley Brantley, Jr.

This scholarship is named in honor of Mr. Wesley (Wes) D. Brantley, Jr. for his dedicated service to the Chickasaw Foundation. It was made possible by Native American Fund Advisors (NAFA), one of a few Indian owned and operated fee based investment management firms in the United States.

Mr. Brantley graduated from Latta High School in 1958, and earned his bachelor's degree in Business from East Central University in 1962. He served in the United States Air Force from May 1962 - July 1965 as a 1st Lieutenant, Weapons Officer.

He served as a staff accountant with B.W. Vetter & Company in Tulsa from 1965 to 1967. He earned his Certified Public Accountant certification on January 27, 1968. He then worked as an audit partner for Horne & Company from 1976 to 1998.

Since that time, he has worked with the Chickasaw Nation and currently serves as the Chief Financial Administrator.

Mr. Brantley's professional activities include serving as a Member of Council for the governing body of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He previously served on the Oklahoma Accountancy Board, and the Oklahoma Society of CPAs as a vice-president, president-elect and president. He was inducted into the Oklahoma Accountancy Hall of Fame in 2001.

Mr. Brantley's community service includes serving as a Board member for the Oklahoma Securities Commission, and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Memphis Theological Seminary in Memphis, Tennessee. He has served as a

member of the General Assembly Council of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and has been a member of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ada for more than 35 years.

Mr. Brantley has been married to Mrs. Susan Alden Brantley for 37 years. The couple has four children, Dr. Kyle Brantley, Rev. Kevin Brantley, Amy Furney and Carey Brantley.

One scholarship for \$500 will be awarded to a Chickasaw student enrolled in his or her freshman through senior year at any two-or four-year college. This scholarship is to be used for a general purpose education. To be eligible, a student must remain in full-time status for the entire academic year that the scholarship covers, and maintain a 2.75 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

T-shirt, patch, flyer design contest open to all artists

Attention Artists of All Ages!

The Chickasaw Foundation is sponsoring a t-shirt, flyer and patch design contest. The winning entry will be the design featured on the Cultural Evening t-shirts and a patch for the scout groups attending the evening's activities. Flyers will also feature the design to promote the annual event.

Entries must be on 8 1/2 x 11 unlined paper and in black ink or marker. All entries must be

of Native American origin and feature items related to Chickasaw culture.

(Consideration must be made towards the design fitting onto a patch so detail will have to be kept to a minimum for print quality on the patch, t-shirts and flyers.)

Entry forms must be completed and attached to the respective entry. Deadline for entries is Friday, May 27, 2005 at 5 p.m.

Upward Bound, Talent Search students in capital for Trio Day

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound and Educational Talent Search students and staff visited the state capital in Oklahoma City on February 14 for Trio Day. The theme for this year's event was "40 Years of Trio: Celebrating the Power of Education."

Students joined in with other Trio programs from across the state in the House Chamber to say thank you to all of the people who help secure funding for Trio programs in Oklahoma and to hear statements from political leaders who support Trio programs.

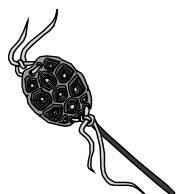
A Trio Day proclamation was given by Susan Savage, Oklahoma Secretary of State, on behalf of Governor Brad Henry. Guest speakers included Representative Tom Cole, District 4, Dr. George Henderson, University of Oklahoma, and Senator Jay Paul Gumm, District 6. Testimonials were given by student representatives on how the programs have changed their lives.

Trio programs include Educational Talent Search, Upward Bound, Upward Bound Math/Science, Veteran's Upward Bound, Student Support Services, Educational Opportunity Centers and McNair Scholar's Program.

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound program is located at Murray State College in Tishomingo and serves over 150 students in 23 schools within the Chickasaw Nation. For more information, please call (580) 671-9903.



Upward Bound and Educational Talent Search students attended Trio Day at the Oklahoma State Capital. Upward Bound Students are Starla Clayburn, John Costiloe, Ashley Dixon, Shellan Gray, Josh Hammond, Katie Howeth, Beth Huddleston, Cody Jones, Cory Jones, Nicholas Lambert, David Litts, Matthew Macdonald, John Maple, Bridget Moore, Rebekah Ritchie, Joshua Sisco, Jacob Standridge, Jeremy Strang, Janie Taylor, Stacey Taylor, Shannon Underwood, Keith Watkins, Caleb Williams, Denver Winchester, Tyler Wise, Kasondra Yates, Jessica Carter, Sheimeka Davis, Brooke Gilbert, Samuel Johnson, Amanda Riley, Kaylea Taylor, Brandon Wilkerson, Anvester Wilson, Ricky Wilson, James Wyler, Sirena Adams, Amanda Brantley, Sage Burns, Sharla Dewitt, Elizabeth Elliott, Julie Emerson, Lindsey Fanning, Robyn Gilbreath, Camelia Hamil, Kristina Jones, Camelia Hamil, Jessica Joslin, Jessica Simpson, Crystal Schwartz, Patricia Schwartz, Jeremy Webb, Rachel Wilkins and Candace Maxey. Educational Talent Search Students are Isidro Barrios, Billy Barton, Stephanie Fosburgh, Wayne Johns, Joslin McDowell, Tristan Pounds, Ashley Rafferty, Boe Ray, Whitney Roberts, Jacquelin Webb and Justine Webb. Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Staff; Susan Webb, Tracey Vasquez, Rebecca Durlington, Rici Love and Miguel Correa. Also attending but not pictured are Mike Cox and Elaine Benson.



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"A Chickasaw Tribal Member"

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a stunt pilot when her second child was born. From that point on, she focused on raising her family.

She often said the most important and most exciting career she undertook was raising her children.

She started a second career with the Chickasaw Nation in 1972, as one of the tribe's first community health representatives.

In 1983, Mrs. Scott was elected to the Chickasaw legislature, where she served three terms and often expressed pride that she helped oversee tremendous growth in tribal operations and services.

"When I started working for the tribe there were just a few of us," Mrs. Scott said. "We had nothing, but we built it into what it is today. And when Governor Bill took office we really took off, and I'm so proud to have him as

my friend."

Mrs. Scott was a member of the International Women's Air and Space Museum Hall of Fame in Cleveland, Ohio and a charter member of the National Museum of American Indian at the Smithsonian.

Mrs. Scott was asked by the University of Texas in Dallas for a complete file of her aviation experiences to be included in the *History of Aviation Collection on Women*. In addition, she is listed in the 1978-79 Edition of *Personalities of the South*. Likewise, she is listed in the 1989-90 Edition of *Outstanding Women of America* and the Chickasaw Historical Section of *Memphis Magazine*.

She was the 1990 Homecoming queen and guest of honor for the 60th anniversary celebration of Wylie's Post's trip around the world. She served as the grand marshal for the 1999 Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival

parade.

Mrs. Scott was a member of the First Methodist Church, belongs to the VFW Auxiliary, the American Association for Retired Persons and served on the board of directors of Delta Community Action.

Mrs. Scott was also an accomplished musician, playing the saxophone and winning two gold medals in violin.

Mrs. Scott last piloted a plane just a few years ago, at age 81.

She served as liaison officer for Governor Anoatubby until her death.

Mrs. Scott's philosophy in life is one that she says was given to her by Wiley Post: "Don't walk in front of me, for I may not follow. Walk beside me and be my friend."

For complete obituary information, see page 39.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Health System names 'Employee' and 'Team of the Year'

Rhonda Brown, medical technologist in the laboratory at Carl Albert Indian Hospital, was named the 2004 Chickasaw Nation Health System "Employee of the Year" during a staff meeting on March 9.

In addition, the 2004 "Team of the Year" was the CNHS Pediatrics Team.

"Our Pediatrics Clinic is one of the most hardworking clinics within our health system and consists of dedicated professionals committed to caring for our children," said CNHS Administrator Bill Lance. "They go well above what is expected to meet the parents' expectations of health care for their children."

"The doctors, nurses, and staff definitely work together as a team to ensure quality patient care is provided," he added.

"Employee of the Year" Brown has worked at Carl Albert for 16 years. She graduated from East Central University with a degree in medical technology. She is currently a hematology supervisor in the laboratory.

"I have worked with Rhonda for a number of years here at the hospital and she has always been an exemplary employee," Lance said. "She is friendly, courteous and really cares about her patients. Rhonda is committed to providing the best quality care for our patients."

Brown said, "My most fulfilling accomplishment while working at Carl Albert has been getting the opportunity to serve

my people, the Chickasaws, in hopes of making their quality of life a little better."

"It means so much to work in a place I truly love," Brown said. "I am blessed to have so many coworkers that are also my friends; we are just like family to each other."

Employees of CNHS select the recipients of the awards from those previously honored for the "employee of the month" and "team of the month."

The nominees for "employee of the year" were: Deanna Carpitche, Behavioral Health; Hugh Work, Family Practice Center Pharmacy; Rhonda Brown, Laboratory; Marty Workman, Finance; Dana Johnson, Family Practice Center; Joanna Hawkins, Nursing, Family Practice Center; Rosie Tudor, Housekeeping; Carletta Barnes, Finance; Amy Stinson, Ardmore Clinic and Joe Burris, Housekeeping, Tishomingo Clinic.

Team award nominees were: Behavioral Health Team, CAIHF Housekeeping Team, CAIHF Night Crew, Physical Therapy Team, Medical Support Services Team, Tim Postoak and Jimsey Factor of the Office of Environmental Health, CAIHF Laboratory Team, Diabetes Team, CAIHF Maintenance Team, Pediatrics Team and the Dietary Services Team.

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The Chickasaw Nation Health System Pediatrics Team was honored as the 2004 CNHS "Team of the Year." Pediatric staff members include, front row from left, Sherry Poblete, RN; Jennifer McNew, LPN; Kay Lehman, CAN; Thalia Stick, Clerk; Rachel Butler, LPN; Back row, Bill Lance, Administrator; Miranda Dodd, LPN; Shannon Wagnon, LPN; Dr. Patrick Mason, MD; Dr. Stefan Iorga, MD; and Dr. Michael West, DO. Staff members not pictured include Dr. Humberto Quintero, MD, and Stephen Shelton, LPN.

WIC promotes healthy mothers, children

The Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC) is a nutrition program offered by the Chickasaw Nation. WIC Clinics are located in Ada, Ardmore, Tishomingo, Sulphur, Pauls Valley, Purcell and Duncan.

WIC is designed to assist in meeting the health and nutrition needs of growing children from the prenatal period up to age five. The WIC Program offers nutrition education to teach families about nutritious choices, along with a supplemental food package high in protein, calcium, iron and vitamins A and C. The WIC Program helps people improve their diet, get immunizations and health care if needed and promotes breastfeeding as the best method for feeding most infants.

To participate in the Chickasaw Nation WIC Program you must:

1. Be a pregnant or breastfeeding woman, or have had a baby in the past six months, or have a child up to five years of age.
2. Meet income guidelines.
3. Have a nutritional screening at the WIC office to see if you are at nutritional risk.

Homeless persons are served immediately upon request if the above criteria are met. Standards for participation in the program are the same for everyone regardless of race, color, national origin, political beliefs, sex or

handicap.

The WIC food package includes milk, cheese, fruit juice, eggs, cereal, carrots, tuna and peanut butter or dry beans/peas and infant formula for infants if needed. All WIC paraprofessionals/professionals are trained as Certified Breastfeeding Educators to assist mothers who choose to breastfeed in having a successful experience. Electric breast pumps are available for use by WIC participants at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility, Chickasaw Nation tribal headquarters (Ada) and Chickasaw Nation WIC throughout the Chickasaw Nation.

In the summer months the

Chickasaw Nation WIC participants are eligible for Farmers' Market Nutrition Program checks for the purchase of fresh fruits and vegetables at local farmers' markets.

For more information about the Chickasaw Nation WIC program, call (580) 436-7255. WIC has a toll free number for your convenience. The toll free number is 1-888-436-7255.

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Kidney Early Evaluation Program screening set for Purcell on April 19

PURCELL, Okla. – If you are 18 years old or older, have a family member with diabetes, high blood pressure or chronic kidney failure, or if you have high blood pressure or diabetes, you are invited to participate in a free health screening.

A Kidney Early Evaluation Program (KEEP) screening will be conducted April 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the

Chickasaw Nation Purcell Area Office building, 1603 South Green Avenue in Purcell.

The screening is sponsored by the National Kidney Foundation of Oklahoma in association with the Chickasaw Nation.

For more information, call Tammy Blevins-Purser at (405) 527-6667.



CNHS administrator Bill Lance presents Rhonda Brown with the CNHS "Employee of the Year" award during a March 9 staff meeting at Carl Albert Hospital.

The foot, complex and forgotten, essential to good life

The foot can be compared to a finely tuned race car, or a space shuttle, vehicles whose function dictates their design and structure. And like them, the human foot is complex. The foot contains within its relatively small size 26 bones, 33 joints and a network of more than 100 tendons, muscles and ligaments, to say nothing of blood vessels and nerves.

Foot ailments are among the most common of our health problems. Although some can

be traced to heredity, many stem from the cumulative impact of a lifetime of abuse and neglect. Studies show that 75 percent of Americans experience foot problems of a greater or lesser degree of seriousness at some time in their lives. Nowhere near that many seek medical treatment, apparently because they mistakenly believe that discomfort and pain are normal and expectable.

"We know that if people start checking their feet early, and

do so each day, we can prevent most foot problems from progressing," said Nelda Osborn, R.N., C Ped, in the Chickasaw Nation Health System (CNHS) Foot Clinic. There are a number of systemic diseases that are sometimes first detected in the feet, such as diabetes, circulatory disorders, anemia, and kidney problems. Arthritis, including gout, often attacks foot joints first.

Your feet, like other specialized structures, require specialized care. A doctor of podiatric medicine can make an important contribution to your total health, whether it is regular preventive care or surgery to correct a deformity.

The Foot Clinic will provide the following services: complete foot screen and evaluation, inspection and location of deformities of diabetics; history of poor ulceration; assessment of pedal pulses, muscle strength and assignment of risk category; a PCC completion; nail care, trimming and sanding; callous care; diabetic wound care management and podiatry surgery is available with approved referral.

Top 10 foot care health tips

Diseases, disorders and disabilities of the foot or ankle affect the quality of life and mobility of millions of Americans. However, the general public and even many physicians are unaware of the important relationship between foot health and overall health and well-being. With this in mind, the American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA) would like to share a few tips to help keep feet healthy.

1. Don't ignore foot pain—it's not normal. If the pain persists, see a podiatric physician.

2. Inspect your feet regularly. Pay attention to changes in color and temperature of your feet. Look for thick or discolored nails (a sign of developing fungus), and check for cracks or cuts in the skin. Peeling or scaling on the soles of feet could indicate athlete's foot. Any growth on the foot is not considered normal.

3. Wash your feet regularly, especially between the toes, and be sure to dry them completely.

4. Trim toenails straight across, but not too short. Be careful not to cut nails in corners or on the



Chickasaw Nation Health System Foot Clinic staff members Nelda Osborn, left, and Mona Miller.

The Foot Clinic in the Diabetes Care Center at Carl Albert sees both diabetic and non-diabetic patients.

"Diabetics need to have their feet checked at least once a year, even if they are not having problems," said Mona Miller, foot clinic medical clerk.

The CNHS Foot Clinic opened in December 1987 and since the program has grown tremendously.

"We have patients come for care once a month from as far away as Odessa, Texas because they know we'll give them the best care possible," Osborn said.

The Foot Clinic accepts both self-referral and doctor-referral by appointment. For more information, call (800) 851-9136, Ext. 81304.

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Josh Boggs, from Wapanucka, reads over items at the Eastern Oklahoma State College information table during the College and Career Day on Feb. 23.

ADA, Okla. - Over 300 Native American high school students from 32 area high schools attended the annual Chickasaw Nation College and Career Day on Feb. 23 at the Pontotoc Career Technology Center.

Students studied material offered by 30 college and university tables. They also heard an entertaining and motivational speech from Rhett Laubach, professional author and speaker. Later, the group heard discussions about two of the nation's top occupations: computer sciences and health careers.

The event also hosted an essay contest on "Why it is important, as a Native American student, to have an education beyond high school." The top essay winner, Autumn Cooper, of Wayne,

received a new Dell computer system. In addition, the three runner-up essay winners, Crystal May, of Plainview, Jennifer Gibson, of Paoli, and Randi Howard, of Ada, each received \$100 gift cards to Staples.

"I congratulate each of the winners for writing exceptional essays," Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said. "There is a bright future waiting for students who have the talent, the perseverance and the drive to continue their education. These students are tomorrow's leaders."

The College and Career Day event was sponsored by the tribe's education department.

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All former students, post-graduates, and friends are wel-

Ag group focuses on Native women, improving rural life



JANIE HIPPI

Janie Hipp, a Chickasaw and self-described "ag junkie," is one of the organizers of Native Women in Agriculture (NWIA), a new organization focusing on the contributions and needs of Native Women involved in all aspects of agriculture and small business.

Started in cooperation with the Billings, Montana-based Intertribal Agriculture Council, NWIA is working with a three-year, \$200,000 grant to help connect Native women in agriculture and agriculturally-based businesses.

Ms. Hipp helped organize NWIA after her work in agricul-

tural law left her disappointed with the approach of federal and state policy makers to economic development in rural areas.

She said she finally came to the realization "that if rural people want to better the circumstances of rural communities as a whole, they're going to have to do it themselves!"

To that end, the purpose of the NWIA is to create a network to help Native women in agriculture share information about production, legal issues, insurance, lending, bookkeeping and other important issues.

"Our needs can also include how we as women weave the business side of our lives with the family side of our lives and what types of resources are out there to help us meet the needs of our families as those develop and change over time," said Ms. Hipp. "My hope is that the Native Women in ag work can at least lay a foundation for creating a network that can begin to meet the needs specific to Native

women who are involved in agriculture and rural community - small business work."

One early focus was to get young women aware and involved in the issues facing native women in agriculture.

The first NWIA project was a Native Youth Writing Competition that focused on the subject: "The Role of Native Women in Agriculture: Past, Present and Future." Many Native youth (grades 9-12) entered from a broad cross-section of Tribes. Five finalists were rewarded with an expense-paid trip to the Intertribal Agriculture Council's Fall 2004 meeting at the Seminole Hard Rock Casino in Hollywood, Florida.

A similar writing competition is in the planning stages, with this year's winners being rewarded with a trip to Las Vegas.

Plans are for the winners of the 2005 competition to serve as NWIA ambassadors to help bring issues facing native

women in agriculture to the forefront.

Ms. Hipp is also very interested in encouraging the involvement of tribal governments in agriculture and rural economic development.

She believes the Chickasaw Nation is a potential leader in rural economic development for several reasons. She believes that Bank2 could become a leader in agricultural lending, just as it has in home lending.

She also cited the the Chickasaw Nation as a potential leader in food industries because of its experience with Bedre' Chocolates and the community garden program.

"Financing is key," said Ms.

NWIA rewards essay winners

Five high school students from across the nation won an all-expense-paid trip to the Seminole Hard Rock Casino in Hollywood, Florida for their essays on "The Role of Native Women in Agriculture: Past, Present and Future."

Callie Menie (Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma), Kristen Cheney (Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Oklahoma), Melissa Badonie (Navajo Nation, New Mexico), Linda Gokee-Rindal (Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Wisconsin) and Keeman Wanna (Devils Lake

Hipp. "But also of importance are training for entrepreneurs, incubators for their new ideas, assistance in market creation, and improving the skills of young people and beginning entrepreneurs in the vastly different challenges they will face."

Current members of the group, including citizens of the Navajo, Choctaw, Chickasaw and Cherokee nations and the Seminole Tribe of Florida, recently met in Albuquerque.

Members are in the process of forming a 15-member steering committee to help direct the focus of the group.

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Dr. Johnson joins Tishomingo Dental Clinic

The Chickasaw Nation is pleased to announce that Mike Johnson, DDS, has joined the Dental Clinic at the Tishomingo Health Center. Dr. Johnson was raised in Dallas, Texas. After graduating from Baylor College of Dentistry, Dr. Johnson enjoyed many years of private practice.

Director of the Dallas Intertribal Center for six years. Dr. Johnson's experience with the intertribal center led him to his interest in working with the Chickasaw Nation for his current dental practice.

He has found the Chickasaw Nation to be very forward-thinking and supportive of healthcare professionals and is enjoying

being a part of the Tishomingo Dental Clinic.

Dr. Johnson and his wife have two sons, ages 20 and 25. The elder son is in the U.S. Navy studying nuclear engineering. The younger son is a sophomore at the University of Oklahoma studying communications.

Chickasaw firefighters



Chickasaw firefighters recently completed their annual training. Top row from left, Anthony McCoy, David Johnson, Keith Hudson and Jimmy Killsfirst. Middle row from left, Gregg Leonard, Eric Gibson, Richard Gibson, Eric Franklin, Jason Burdin and Joe Lail. Instructors on front row from left, Simeon Gibson, Tom Schultz, Gary Parker, William Tosee, Jr., Charlie McLemore, Levi Orphan and Michael Johnson.

The Chickasaw Nation will bring the message of "preventing injury and promoting health" during the fifth annual Injury Prevention/Health Promotion Conference May 4-6 in Davis, Okla.

The conference will benefit individuals from a variety of occupations including: child care, injury prevention, community health representatives, law enforcement, medical staff and others interested in injury prevention or health promotion.

Injuries are the leading killer of Oklahoma's children and young adults. Injuries account for more premature deaths before 65-years of age than cancer, heart disease, stroke and diabetes combined.

The conference will cover several topics including: identifying child abuse, hearing loss, work place safety, Oklahoma Highway Safety Office infor-

mation, Sleep Safe program information, nutrition concerns for the elderly, child passenger safety and Adult Protective Services.

In addition to the breakout sessions, the conference will also feature a reception with a Christian singing group, keynote speakers, door prizes and a silent auction.

Conference goers may attend one day for \$35 or all three days for \$75.

Money raised from the conference registration fees will go back into communities to help assist those in need of medical supplies who have exhausted all other resources or to purchase other injury prevention materials.

For more information, contact Freda Ozbirn at (580) 622-2888.

Healthy Families program helps parents enjoy kids, family life

On any Thursday afternoon, one can find a host of moms, dads, grandmas and grandpas at the tribe's youth and family services building. They are eager to learn about keeping their families healthy. A few rooms down, the children's play area is filled with youngsters, from infants to five-year olds, playing with educational toys and reading books.

These families are all enrolled in the Chickasaw Nation Healthy Families program, "intumpiaka chukma kinni."

The volunteer program works to keep families healthy by providing community-based resources and support programs for Native American families in Pontotoc County. The program has been in existence for three years. Currently, the program serves over 30 families.

The goal of the program is to improve the support system, teach family members problem solving skills, promote healthy child growth and development and promote positive parent-child relationships.

"I joined healthy families parenting class oblivious to parenthood," said Stephanie Easley. "Healthy families has taught me to be a wonderful parent and that is exactly what I feel like."

The program is offered to women after 28-weeks of pregnancy; newborns up to three-months of age; first-time expectant parents; parents who have other children or families with limited financial and/or social support.

"We believe that parents, if given the opportunity, want to be better parents to their children and to improve their lives," said Kara McDaniel, healthy families program supervisor.

Free educational information on the development of children from newborn to age five is offered through the program. With each home visit, certified Oklahoma Parents as Teachers Support Workers provide parent/child activities to assist in improving attachment, bonding and developmental growth, as well as information about pregnancy.

"There were times when we didn't know where to turn. The staff really made a difference in our lives," said Barbara Bolin, who is involved in the program as an extended family participant. Her daughter, Kathie, has two children in the program, Zabrenna and Connor.

The program also provides developmental screenings on each child to check for developmental

delays, transportation, referrals to other community programs and respite. This is done through home visits and through support groups each week.

Weekly group session topics include: flute making, baby blankets, cradle boards, infant massage, Shaken Baby Syndrome, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, car seat safety, career counseling and many others.

"The healthy family program really helped me to help my baby grow," said Angel Wilson, mother of one-month old Brittany.

Thanks to funding from the department of family advocacy, families who enroll in the program receive parenting education; develop support systems; child development screenings called Denver II Screenings; transportation; respite care and "baby bucks" to buy needed infant and parenting items.

The healthy families program is offered through the tribe's department of family advocacy. Healthy families staff members include: Angela Conner, director; Kara McDaniel, supervisor; and family support workers Micah Reiter and Kelli Herbers.

The program the funded through Oklahoma Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP). The Chick-

asaw Nation was one of only two tribes in the state that received the grant money through OCAP.

For more information regarding this program, call (580)

272-5550. The youth and family services building is located at 231 Seabrook Road in Ada.

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The Chickasaw Nation Healthy Families program provides resources and support to parents. Some participants include, front row from left, Angel Wilson holding Brittany, Kathie Bolin holding Zabrenna, and Severino Nolin holding Connor. Program staff members, back row from left, are Kelli Herbers, Kara McDaniel, Micah Reiter and Angela Connor.

Anti-tobacco 'Kick Butts Day' April 13

Chickasaw Children's Village will host "Kick Butts Day" April 13. A variety of activities are scheduled to help students make a commitment not to abuse tobacco.

Tobacco use kills more than 400,000 Americans every year. That is more than alcohol, cocaine, crack, heroin, homicide, suicide, car accidents, suicide and AIDS combined.

Every day, roughly 4,000 kids (under 18) try smoking for the first time and more than 2,000 become new, regular, daily users.

"We want to remind our youth true tobacco came from our ancestors and was pure, it could heal, protect and bless when only used in traditional ways," said Christie Byars, one of the organizers of the event.

Kick Butts participants will see a movie graphically depicting the dangers of tobacco use as a woman who started smoke at a young age confronts various

tobacco related health problems later in life.

Students will learn the benefits of staying tobacco free and have the opportunity to sign pledge cards stating they will not use tobacco.

A variety of other events are also planned.

General Tobacco Facts

- Adult male smokers lose an average of 13 years of life.
- Adult female smokers lose an average of 15 years of life.
- The chemical nicotine – found in cigarettes and other tobacco products – is an addictive drug, which is why it is so hard for people to quit using tobacco once they start.
- Every puff of a cigarette has more than 4,000 different chemicals, including ammonia (a poisonous gas and a powerful toilet cleaner), arsenic (a potent rat poison), cyanide (a deadly ingredient in rat poison), acetone

(a poisonous solvent and paint stripper) formaldehyde (used to preserve dead frogs), polonium-210 (a highly radioactive element) and carbon monoxide (a poisonous gas). Disgusting, but true!

- Lung cancer, throat cancer, heart disease, stroke and emphysema are just some of the painful, life-threatening diseases linked with smoking. Smoking is also associated with cancers of the mouth, larynx, esophagus, pancreas, cervix, kidney, stomach and bladder.
- Smoking limits the amount of oxygen in the blood, reducing your stamina for sports and other physical activities.
- Smoking turns your teeth and fingernails yellow, makes you hair, clothes and breath smell gross and causes premature wrinkling of your skin.

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Parents As Tender Healers training applications available

Chickasaw Nation, Department of Family Advocacy, is now accepting applications for its spring PATH (Parents As Tender Healers) training. Training is scheduled to begin in May 2005, with dates to be finalized and announced very soon.

All foster and adoptive applicants are required to attend the training. PATH training is designed to help applicants identify and manage behaviors and crises consistent with children who have experienced abuse. Participants will also gain insight into the behaviors and to learn behavior modification techniques to help manage children in care.

Chickasaw Nation always has a need for compassionate, nurturing Native Americans to provide appropriate care for our tribal children. Those interested will need to complete a Foster Care and/or Adoption application and should be at least 21 years of age and can

be single or married.

Foster care applicants will be eligible to receive a monthly foster care reimbursement to help with the costs of fostering a child, clothing vouchers, day care benefits, WIC (age appropriate) and Medicaid for physical and mental health needs.

Approved adoptive families are eligible to receive a home study at no cost. Some families will also receive an adoption subsidy that includes a monthly stipend, Medicaid and an allowance to help with lawyer fees.

Not all approved adoptive families will receive the adoption subsidy.

All interested persons should contact Arthur Ellsworth, Foster Care Manager or Aurelia Chaney, Foster Care Specialist at (580) 252-4119 ext 13 or 14.

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Native students' art 'Spirit of Ancestors'



In observance of National Youth Arts Month, Cherokee Durant, along with other After School Arts Program students, made clay masks on exhibit through April at the Gallery, 815 N. Mississippi in Ada.

ADA, Okla. - Our fast changing world requires that future leaders, today's children, be creative and imaginative when solving problems. These are skills learned best by students involved in art. March is National Youth Arts Month, an annual observance emphasizing the value of art education for all children, while encouraging support for quality school art programs. The observance provides a forum for acknowledging skills fostered through experience in the visual arts.

To celebrate the month-long observance, the tribe's After School Arts Program (ASAP) made masks that have been showcased at the Gallery on Mississippi, 815 N. Mississippi in Ada, in an exhibit called "The Spirits of the Ancestors." The exhibit will run through April.

While working on the mask project, ASAP student Courtney Parchcorn, 15, said "we learned about different textures, shapes, lines and symbols."

The masks are made of long-horn red clay and glazed. The students designed the masks on paper first and then drew the design onto the fired clay

mask. Then, they painted the masks with ceramic glazes and fired them again. The final step was weaving the raffia hair and adding other embellishments to the mask.

Students can explore the possibilities of art thanks to the division of arts and humanities, under instruction by Laura Morrison, arts in education manager, and art instructors Trina Jones and Kelly Reed.

"Our teachers are nice and always checking our work to see if we need anything," Parchcorn added.

Art is a valuable learning tool that reinforces and brings to life what students learn in other disciplines, such as reading, writing, social studies, science and math. These subjects are combined with art into and integrated strategy. This, in turn, connects relationships.

Youth Arts Month opens the door for people to try something new and expand their horizon, the chance to reach beyond what we know towards new endeavors and experiences.

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Tribe initiates educational support group for domestic violence victims

SPIRIT CIRCLE is an educational support group for Native and Non-Native American survivors of domestic violence, persons currently in abusive relationships or those wanting to learn more about the dynamics of domestic violence.

The group meets Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Youth and Family Services building at 231 Seabrook Road in Ada. Child care is available during the meetings and a

weekly door prize is given.

The mission of the program is to educate and support clients and others in the community who have recently left an abusive relationship, are survivors of family violence or abusive relationships or may be considering leaving an abusive relationship.

Through education and support the group hopes to decrease the chances of a person returning to an abusive relationship, or entering into an abusive rela-

tionship in the future and to stop the cycle of violence for future generations.

Weekly group topics include: myths/facts of domestic violence; effects of violence on children; building self-esteem & a support system; the cycle of violence and what is a healthy relationship?

To enroll in SPIRIT CIRCLE or for more information, call (580) 272-5550.

Grassland Reserve Program provides funding to Oklahoma farmers and ranchers for easements, restorations

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) announces the availability of funding for the Grassland Reserve Program (GRP). The Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) is available for all counties in Oklahoma. Oklahoma has received \$2 million to enroll land in the program. The GRP, as authorized in the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, requires that 60% of the funds for the program be expended for easements and 30-year rental agreements.

Grasslands provide critical ecological benefits and play a key role in environmental quality, as well as contributing to the economies of many rural areas. This voluntary program helps protect valuable grasslands from conversion to other land uses, thus helping to ensure this national resource is available to future generations. When properly managed, grasslands and shrublands result in cleaner water, healthier riparian areas, and reduced sediment in streams and other water bodies. These lands are vital for the production of forage for domestic livestock and provide essential habitat elements for maintaining healthy wildlife populations. These lands also improve the aesthetic character of the landscape and provide scenic vistas, open space, recreational opportunities, and soil erosion protection

GRP offers producers several enrollment options: permanent easements, 30-year easements, rental agreements (10, 15, 20 or 30-year duration), and restoration agreements. To participate in GRP, offers must be private land that includes at least 40 contiguous acres. Since Oklahoma's primary emphasis for 2004 was to enroll rental agreements, the permanent and 30-year easement options of GRP will be the focus for enrollment in 2005.

Applications for participation in the GRP program on a continuous basis, however, applications must be received by April 18, 2005 to be considered for evaluation and funding this fiscal year. Evaluated applications selected for funding by June 1, 2005. Priority resource issues for this application period include the threat of conversion to other landuses, primarily fragmentation through parceling and cultivation. Consideration is also given for risk to invasive plants and loss of biodiversity. Applications will be evaluated according to evaluation criteria developed for Oklahoma. The criteria are available at your local NRCS office or on the web at www.ok.nrcs.usda.gov. Successful applicants with high priority resource concerns will be contacted to develop contracts to obligate the current funding allocation. Unfunded applications will be maintained for

future funding consideration if the applicant chooses to remain on the waiting list.

Individual producers that have high priority resource concerns and are interested in participation in GRP may apply at any time at your local NRCS or FSA office or the NRCS Tribal Resource Conservationist at (580) 332-8167. Additional information, including Federal Register notices and rules, are also available at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/farm-bill/2002>.

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'Taste for Nutrition' explores new, unique fruit, vegetables, grains

A new world of taste and texture exists when you explore new foods, especially new types of fruits, vegetables and grains. There is a host of intriguing foods and the nutrients they contain make them worth looking at the next time you visit the supermarket. Now is the perfect time to begin adding variety.

"It's amazing how adding a new food to your regular eating plan can enhance not only your meal, but can boost the nutrients in your overall diet," says Mel-

nie Todd, Chickasaw Nation registered dietitian. "By adding one new fruit or vegetable to soups, stews or salads you may open a whole new flavor palate and it can definitely add some spice to your nutrition life."

Todd suggests being a little adventurous the next time you make out your shopping list and add a new food to your list once a week.

The Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services celebrated March as National Nutrition Month

with the theme "Get a Taste for Nutrition." Several activities and opportunities were provided to the community to promote variety in food selection.

The Chickasaw Nation Health System (CNHS) Food Service department provided cafeteria lunch customers with a free daily fruit or vegetable. Customers were given the opportunity to choose an additional menu item with increased vitamins and minerals that normally they may not consume. New items such as grilled squash, spring vegetable mix and cranberry salad were the favorites.

Likewise, baskets with fresh apples and oranges filled the Chickasaw Nation Woman, Infant and Children (WIC) clinics.

"Participants were able to snack on a delicious treat while receiving important nutrition information and WIC benefits," said Debi Tipton, WIC manager and registered dietitian. Fruit baskets were also available at the food distribution centers in Purcell, Ada and Ardmore.

In addition, a segment of the "Get Fresh" cooking show was featured during a resource fair held in Pauls Valley. A dazzling show filled with recipes and cooking techniques assisted

participants in the daily incorporation of more colorful fruits and vegetables into the diet.

Beyond National Nutrition Month activities, registered dietitians are available at CNHS nutrition services department to help registered patients and clients make personal nutrition goals. Wellness, breastfeeding support, heart disease, obesity and diabetes prevention are just a few topics that can be individually discussed.

Try adding the following items to your food selection.

Fruits:

- Kumquat: it is both sweet and sour in taste and is high in vitamin C and fiber.

- Passion fruit: the pulp's flavor is sweet-tart and lemony and is high in vitamin C, vitamin A (beta-carotene) and high in fiber.

- Acerola: it is red outside and yellow inside with a slightly tart flavor. It is high in vitamin C and is a good source of vitamin A (beta-carotene).

- Pomegranate: it contains hundreds of ruby-colored seeds encased in translucent red pulp that is both sweet and tart. The seeds are a good source of potassium and vitamins C and B6.

Vegetables:

- Kohlrabi: it has a creamy interior and is somewhat sweet. It's high in vitamin C and raw is a good source of fiber.

- Bok choy: a type of cabbage, it is rich in vitamins A and C and potassium.

- Jicama: potato-like, it is juicy and slightly sweet. It is high in vitamin C and a good source of fiber.

- Parsnip: it has a celery-like fragrance and a sweet, slightly peppery flavor. It is a good source of folate, vitamin C and fiber.

Grains:

- Quinoa: it contains more protein than most grains and offers an even balance of amino acids. It is also a good source of calcium, phosphorus, magnesium, potassium, copper, zinc and iron.

- Flaxseed: is both soluble and insoluble fiber. It is also rich in omega-3 fatty acids.

- Amaranth: it is a source of calcium and magnesium and contains more iron than most grains.

- Bulgur: it is a good source of fiber and magnesium.

The Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services Department invites everyone to "Get a Taste for Nutrition."

Suspects plead guilty in January Goldsby smokeshop robbery

Robert G. McCampbell, United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma, on March 21 announced that Thomas Meikel Miles, 18, of Pauls Valley, Okla., and Raymond Eugene Ford, 18, of Norman, Okla., entered guilty pleas to robbing the Goldsby Smokeshop on January 13, 2005.

Both men entered guilty pleas to stealing in excess of \$1,000 from the Goldsby Smokeshop on January 13, 2005. The smoke-shop is owned by the Chickasaw Nation.

At sentencing, both men face up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. The actual sentence will be determined by the Court at a hearing after a presentence report has been prepared

and by application of the federal sentencing guidelines.

"Theft or embezzlement from tribal business or casinos may be prosecuted as federal crimes" said McCampbell. "Prosecution of crimes committed on Indian lands is a priority of this office and we have resources specifically dedicated to pursue those cases."

The case is a result of an investigation conducted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs Division of Law Enforcement Services and the Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Tribal Police. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Arvo Q. Mikkonen.

Native science students eligible for OU biomedical research project

OKLAHOMA CITY – College students who are members of Oklahoma's Native American tribes are encouraged to apply now for a nine-week mentored biomedical research project scheduled at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center June 1 through July 29.

The project, co-sponsored by the OU Health Sciences Center, Native American Research Center for Health and liaisons from five Oklahoma Tribal Partners - Chickasaw, Cherokee, Choctaw, Muscogee (Creek) and Seminole Nations – requires residence in Oklahoma City during the week and provides a stipend of \$3,687 to each student.

One college student from each participating tribe will be paired with a mentor who shares a common area of research interest to work full time performing research and take part in weekly meetings to discuss research-re-

lated skills, career opportunities in bio-medical sciences and preparation for post-baccalaureate education. At the conclusion of the program, each participant will submit scientific abstracts and present findings at a poster session. Continuing interaction with mentors and sponsoring laboratories after completion of the program is encouraged.

To be eligible for the course, participants must have completed at least two years of undergraduate study, be enrolled in an undergraduate program majoring in basic science, and have a career goal related to health research or health sciences.

For additional information, call the OUHSC Graduate College at (405) 271-2085, visit www.ouhsc.edu/graduate/ or e-mail graduate-college@ouhsc.edu.

Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing

For You.....

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing offers you a full range of home loan products in addition to the Chuka Chukmasi Home Loan Program.

Did you know that on virtually every kind of loan the seller can pay part of your closing cost? Has anyone taken the time to sit down with you and explain the process from start to finish or exactly what your closing costs actually are? Would you like personal, one on one attention to every detail?

Did you know that the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing is your ONLY source for the Chuka Chukmasi Home Loan? HOWEVER, if you are Native American, and live in the Chickasaw Nation service area, we also have a loan product for you!

Chuka Chukmasi

For Chickasaws ANYWHERE IN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES! Down payment and closing cost assistance is available. Homebuyer education is required!

HUD 184

Available to any Tribe living in the Chickasaw Nation service area. This is a Native American loan and allows part of the closing costs to be financed into the loan. Borrowers need 2-3% of the purchase price of their own funds. These may be gifted funds or even a grant from their own tribe. No second mortgages are allowed on this loan. Homebuyer education is required!

MyCommunityMortgage

This is community homebuyer loan. While there are income guidelines in certain areas, there are no income guidelines in underserved, low and moderate income or minority census tracts and central cities. Borrower investment can be as little as \$500 and community seconds are allowable as a source of funds for closing costs. Homebuyer education is required.

VA Loans

If you are a Native American Veteran and have never used your VA eligibility to purchase a home, you may do so through the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing. VA Loans offer the veteran 100% financing.



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the NW corner of said W/2 NE/4, thence N 83°14'59" E along said right-of-way line a distance of 439.12 feet to a point on the present south right-of-way line of Rogers Road, thence N 89°47'16" E along said right-of-way line a distance of 200.00 feet, thence S 70°29'52" W a distance of 423.79 feet, thence S 89°47'16" W a distance of 235.60 feet to a point on the present east right-of-way line of Interstate Highway No.

35, thence N 00°38'00" W a distance of 90.00 feet to point of beginning, containing 1.15 acres, more or less. Due to the easement providing expanded roadway access to tribal businesses, compensation is hereby waived.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented by: Judy Goforth-Parker, Chairman

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert,

Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 22-035

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Johnston County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, containing 0.28 acres,

more or less, in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, described as Lot 1, Block 75 in the Town of Tishomingo, Oklahoma, together with all improvements thereon, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted and the appurtenances thereunto. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action

is advantageous.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Chairperson
To table

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Linda Briggs

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ily of the slain person insisted on execution, it had to be carried out, even if the death had been accidental.

Nutt cited one instance where a person wearing a bear robe who was skinning a deer was shot by a warrior who assumed that a bear was feeding off the deer's carcass. When the warrior reported the mistake, he didn't ask for mercy, but asked for a few extra days with which to work off a debt so that his family would not be burdened. His request was granted and furthermore the aggrieved family decided not to execute the warrior if he would give them a blanket and some other items. He refused, saying he would not purchase his life that way. Nutt and an unidentified Chickasaw discussed the injustice of executing one who had not killed the person in question or had done so accidentally. "He agreed that it was not justice," wrote Nutt, "but concluded that it was an Indian custom."

As the 19th century proceeded and the Chickasaws were forced to cede their territory to the American government, many tribal members became more dispirited; some saw their removal as inevitable. In such a sad state of affairs, the fabric of the tribe's social organization continued to fray. In 1837, on the verge of removal from the Chickasaw's ancient homeland, a respected tribal chief, Emubby, was murdered in cold blood by a white man named Jones. According to historian Grant Foreman, "Indignation over this murder made the [American] officers apprehensive of further trouble, which, however, did not materialize." Chief Emubby's

murder was not avenged.

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE CHICKASAW NATION

The Chickasaw Nation
In the Interest of:
V.L.C., DOB: 09/22/98
B.R.C., DOB: 07/31/02
Minor Dependent Children
And Concerning:
Susan Renae Cogburn, Natural Mother

Case No. JFJ-03-C14

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

THE CHICKASAW
NATION TO:
Susan Renae Cogburn,
DOB: 08/23/77
Last Known Address: RR
1, Box 1825 Coalgate, OK
74538

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Motion to Terminate Parental Rights has been filed in the Court naming you as the Respondent and alleging that your parental rights to the above-named minor children should be terminated, all as more fully set out in the Motion to Terminate Parental Rights filed in this case.

YOU ARE THEREFORE ORDERED TO APPEAR FOR A TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS HEARING at the courtroom of the Chickasaw Nation District Court, 1500 N. Country Club Road, Ada, Oklahoma on the **12th day of April, 2005** at the hour of **9:30 o'clock A.M.** and to there remain subject to the call of the Court until discharged so that you may be advised of the allegations contained in the Motion to Terminate Parental Rights and may answer that you admit or deny the allegations of the Motion to Terminate Parental Rights.

You may seek the advice of an attorney on any matter relating to this action at your own expense, or, upon application to the Court, you may be eligible for a court-appointed attorney.

FAILURE TO RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS OR TO APPEAR AT THIS HEARING CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE CHILDREN AS DEPRIVED CHILDREN AND MAY ULTIMATELY RESULT IN LOSS OF CUSTODY OF THESE CHILDREN OR THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THESE CHILDREN.

THE HONORABLE AARON DUCK
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

Submitted by:
Debra Gee, Prosecutor
Chickasaw Nation Legal Division
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12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-015 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 22-016, Gubernatorial Appointment - Chickasaw Nation Election Commission - Catherine Wood

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Ms. Catherine Wood to the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission. Ms. Wood's term of office expired on December 31, 2004, and she is continuing to serve until reappointed or replaced. This reappointment is for another three-year term, ending on December 31, 2007.

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Colbert to approve GR22-016. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tim Colbert

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-016 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 22-017, Approval of Application for Funding-Administration on Aging, Title VI, Part A, Grants for Native Americans and Title VI, Part C, Grants for Native American Caregiver Support

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for funding through Title VI, Part A, of the Older Americans Act and Part C.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus to approve GR22-017. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-017 carried unanimously.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

(D) L A N D D E V E L O P M E N T COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Judy Goforth

Parker

General Resolution Number 22-019, Business Lease No G03-2666 in Love County

This resolution approves Business Lease G03-2666 in favor of Lamar Advantage Outdoor Company, L.P., Sherman, Texas, who submitted an acceptable bid. The bid was for \$520.00 per annum payable to the Chickasaw Nation for the purpose of utilizing a 12' x 48' signboard, on property belonging to the Chickasaw Nation located in Love County, Oklahoma, containing 1.00 acre, more or less, for three (3) years. The term begins the first day of April, 2003, and ends on March 31, 2006.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-019. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

Ms. Jessie Kemp, representative from the BIA, answered questions of the Legislators regarding this resolution. A typographical error was corrected by adding the word "be" after the word "will."

Dr. Goforth Parker and Ms. Green amended their motion to approve the resolution as amended.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Linda Briggs

7 yes votes

Members voting no: Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

5 no votes

The motion to approve GR22-019, as amended, carried.

General Resolution Number 22-020, Oil and Gas Lease in Haskell County (Tribal Tract - S. T. 23)

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Williams Production Mid-Continent Company, Tulsa, Oklahoma, who submitted an acceptable bid of \$217.93 per acre for a total bonus of \$544.83. The Chickasaw Nation shall receive \$136.21. The property belongs to the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations described as an undivided one half (1/2) mineral interest in Haskell

County, Oklahoma, containing 5.00 acres, more or less. It is for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of \$7.50, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$1.88 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-020. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-020 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 22-021, Revocable Permit No. G09-1544 in McCurtain County

This resolution approves Revocable Permit No. G09-1544 in favor of James T. Wax on property in McCurtain County, Oklahoma, containing 22.50 acres, more or less. It is for the purpose of trespass only as an adjoining property owner, in the amount of \$35.00 per annum, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$8.75 per annum, for a term of three (3) years beginning July 1, 2004, and ending June 30, 2007.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-021. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-021 carried unanimously.

Dr. Goforth Parker concluded her report.

(E) E D U C A T I O N COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Wanda Blackwood Scott

Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott informed the group that Chickasaw students may apply for grants and scholarship online through the Chickasaw Nation website.

(F) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Mary Jo Green

Ms. Green reported the committee met and Mr. Bill Lance, Carl Albert Administrator, gave a report of the ongoing projects at the hospital.

(G) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Scott Colbert

No report.

(H) C O U R T DEVELOPMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Tim Colbert

No report.

(I) ELECTION RULES AND REGULATIONS AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT By Chairman Steve woods

Permanent Resolution Number 22-005, Amendments to Title 8 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Chickasaw Election Rules and Regulations)

This resolution amends Title 8 of the Chickasaw Nation Code pertaining to the Election Rules and Regulations. The Election Commission and Election Secretary/Tribal Registrar are in agreement with the included changes.

Mr. Woods explained this resolution was tabled at the last Legislative Session and it was the discretion of the committee to leave it tabled for further study.

Ms. Hartman asked that the resolution be explained and the citizens have an opportunity to give their input. Mr. Woods explained the resolution and concluded his report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Presentation by Dr. Debra Vaughn, Oklahoma University

Dr. Vaughn gave a presentation on Health Promotion Programs College of Continuing Education. She expressed the benefits of the department working with the Chickasaw Nation to become leaders in this program.

Legislators made comments regarding tribal elections and the appraisal prices not being revealed on property acquisitions.

Mr. James Humes voiced his pleasure of the Legislature having the session on a Saturday,

and he invited Legislators to the Oklahoma City Community Council meeting.

Mr. Jerry Imotichey presented the Legislators a list of the needs of the Tishomingo Senior Citizens site and asked for assistance.

Ms. Kathleen Stoner noted that the senior citizens in Duncan also desired a senior site.

Mr. Jimme Sweat made comments regarding billboards advertising the Nation on I-35, election reform, and a wellness facility at Tishomingo.

Mr. David Brown voiced his concerns of the Tishomingo Clinic not having a doctor on staff and his concerns regarding the tribal elections. He also urged the Legislators to hold more Saturday meetings.

Mr. Wayne Scribner, Housing Authority Administrator, announced a wellness center in Tishomingo was in the early stages of design, and the Nation was viewing property in Duncan for a senior site to service the Duncan and Marlow area.

Mr. Imotichey voiced a need for poll voting for citizens inside the Nation and absentee voting for the citizens living outside the Nation.

Mr. J.D. Collins expressed his concerns regarding a health care issue at the Ardmore Clinic and his concern regarding the per capita payment.

Ms. Sue Simmons stated she felt the voters who cast ballots and their vote was disqualified should be notified so they would be aware of their mistake.

Ms. Carolee Maxwell expressed her appreciation to the Legislators for holding a Saturday session and she also voiced her concerns regarding the election laws.

Mr. Rodney Brown gave his opinion regarding the election ballot issue.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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Respectfully Submitted,
Judy Goforth Parker, Secretary
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature
Prepared by: Doretta Sellers,
Recording Secretary Chickasaw
Tribal Legislature

**CHICKASAW TRIBAL
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
February 18, 2005**

**AGENDA ITEM #1
CALL MEETING TO OR-
DER**

Chairperson Linda Briggs
called the meeting to order at
9:03 a.m.

**AGENDA ITEM #2
ROLL CALL**

Members present:
Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs,
Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert,
Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling,
Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus,
Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda
Blackwood Scott, Wilson Sea-
wright, Steve Woods

Member absent:
Donna Hartman

Staff present:
Doretta Sellers, Recording
Secretary, Harold Stick, Ser-
geant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle,
Legislative Counsel

Guests present:
Wilma Watson, Mike Watson,
James A. Humes, Ron Hartin,
Mike Talley, Traile G. Glory,
Heath Allison, Sue Simmons,
Juanita Tate, Ron Frazier, La-
vada "Sue" Hunter, Catherine
Wood, Thedo Underwood, Rita
Loder, Mark Riesen

**AGENDA ITEM #3
INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Ms.
Green.

**AGENDA ITEM #4
READING OF MINUTES
- January 15, 2005**

**A motion was made by Dr.
Goforth Parker to table the
January 15, 2005 minutes. The
motion was seconded by Ms.
Wanda Blackwood Scott.**

Members voting yes: Beth
Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott
Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly
Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean
McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,
Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson
Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda
Briggs

12 yes votes
**The motion to table the
minutes of January 15, 2005
carried unanimously.**

**AGENDA ITEM #5: U N -
FINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished busi-
ness.

**AGENDA ITEM #6: R E -
PORTS OF COMMITTEES
(A) LEGISLATIVE
COMMITTEE REPORT by
Chairman Steve Woods**

No report.

**(B) F I N A N C E
COMMITTEE REPORT by
Chairman Scott Colbert**

**General Resolution
Number 22-028, Approval
of Development Budget
Amendment**

This resolution approves the
revision to the Development
Budget for the Cultural Center
Phase II, Project Number 20-
0016-04, in the amount of
\$9,875,445 and the Housing
and Tribal Development
Administrative Office, Project
Number 20-0019-04, in the
amount of \$3,446,723. Exhibit
A provides both development
projects, with documentation to
be provided to the Legislature
during committee meetings.

**A motion was made by Mr.
Scott Colbert to approve
GR22-028. The motion was
seconded by Ms. Wanda
Blackwood Scott.**

Mr. Seawright voiced
his concerns regarding the
resolution. He proposed to
divide the question and vote
on the items separately. He
suggested to vote on the Tribal
Development Administrative

Office and to table the Cultural
Center Phase II because of lack
of information.

Chairperson Briggs advised
the resolution could not be
divided. Mr. Seawright's
motion

should be to table GR22-028
in its entirety.

**A motion was made by Mr.
Seawright to table GR22-028.
The motion was seconded by
Mrs. Alexander.**

Members voting yes: Beth
Alexander, Tim Colbert, Wilson
Seawright

3 yes votes

Members voting no: Melvin
Burris, Scott Colbert, Holly
Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean
McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,
Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve
Woods, Linda Briggs

9 no votes

**The motion to table GR22-
028 failed.**

A roll call vote was taken to
approve GR22-028.

Members voting yes: Melvin
Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim
Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary
Jo Green, Dean McManus,
Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda
Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods,
Linda Briggs

10 yes votes

Members voting no: Beth
Alexander, Wilson Seawright

2 no votes

**The motion to approve
GR22-028 carried.**

Mr. Scott Colbert concluded
his report.

**(C) H U M A N
RESOURCES COMMITTEE
REPORT by Chairman Dean
McManus**

**General Resolution Number
22-029, Gubernatorial
Appointment to the Chickasaw
Tribal Utility Authority,
Michael Talley**

This resolution approves
Governor Bill Anoatubby's
appointment of Mr. Michael
Talley to the Chickasaw Tribal

Utility Authority Board of
Trustees. Mr. Talley is filling a
seat which has been vacant.

Ms. McManus introduced Mr.
Talley to the Legislature.

**A motion was made by Ms.
McManus to approve GR22-
029. The motion was seconded
by Dr. Goforth Parker.**

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris,
Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert,
Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green,
Dean McManus, Judy Goforth
Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott,
Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods,
Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

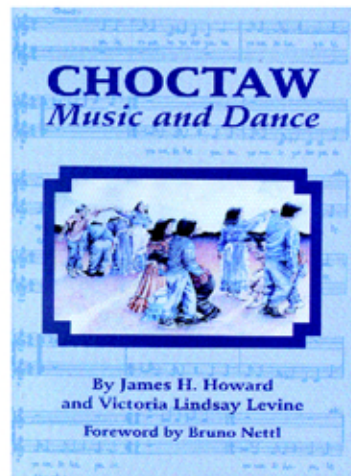
**The motion to approve GR22-
029 carried unanimously.**

**General Resolution Number
22-030, Gubernatorial
Appointment to the Chickasaw
Tribal Utility Authority, Ron
Hartin**

This resolution approves
Governor Bill Anoatubby's
appointment of Mr. Ron Hartin

Check it out . . . at the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Library!

Featured Selections of the Month



Choctaw Music and Dance

by James H. Howard and Vitoria Lindsay Levine

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American Indian Art Magazine

AIA web site: American Indian Art Magazine is the only magazine devoted exclusively to the great variety of Native American art forms. Keep informed with lavishly illustrated articles and the latest information about current auctions, publications, legal issues, and museum and gallery exhibitions.

The Chickasaw Nation Tribal Library has recently acquired the first five volumes of American Indian Art Magazine (1975-1980) as well as current issues which are available in the tribal library.



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to the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority Board of Trustees. Mr. Hartin is filling a seat which has been vacant.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus to approve GR22-030. The motion was seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker.

Ms. McManus introduced Mr. Hartin to the Legislature.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-030 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 22-031, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of Chickasaw Nation Bank Holding Company, William G. Paul

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. William G. Paul to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Nation Bank Holding Company. Mr. Paul will fill an unexpired term. The terms of office of each board member shall be determined by the bank charter.

Mr. Seawright noted he previously asked for a copy of the bank charter and had not received it. He also felt it was important to meet Mr. Paul, therefore, he asked that GR22-031 be tabled.

A motion was made by Mr. Seawright to table GR22-031. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Alexander.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, Wilson Seawright

3 yes votes

Members voting no: Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

9 no votes

The motion to table GR22-031 failed.

A roll call vote was taken to approve GR22-031.

Members voting yes:

Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods,

Linda Briggs

10 yes votes

Members voting no: Beth Alexander, Wilson Seawright

2 no votes

The motion to approve GR22-031 carried.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

(D) L A N D D E V E L O P M E N T COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Judy Goforth Parker

General Resolution Number 22-022, Authorization for Right-of-Way in McClain County

The Bureau of Indian Affairs has presented a request for a right-of-way for AT&T and McLeod Communications to install telecommunications facilities, including fiber-optic lines, on property jointly owned by the Chickasaw Nation and the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma located in McClain County.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-022. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright,

Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-022 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 22-023, Oil and Gas Lease in LeFlore & Sequoyah Counties (Arkansas Riverbed Tract 90)

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Sedna Energy, Inc., Fort Smith, Arkansas, who submitted an acceptable bid of \$151.27 per acre for a total bonus of \$11,364.92, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$1,420.61. The property belongs to the Chickasaw, Choctaw and Cherokee Nations in LeFlore and Sequoyah Counties, containing 75.13 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of \$225.40. The Chickasaw Nation will receive \$28.17 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%. The bid amount

is above the fair market value as to the mineral interest.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-023. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green,

Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-023 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 22-024, Oil and Gas Lease in LeFlore & Sequoyah Counties (Arkansas Riverbed Tract 96)

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Crest Resources Inc., Tulsa, Oklahoma, who submitted an acceptable bid of \$108.75 per acre for a total bonus of \$58,406.36 of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$7,380.00. The property belongs to the Chickasaw, Choctaw and Cherokee Nations in LeFlore and Sequoyah Counties. The property contains 537.07 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of \$1,611.24. The Chickasaw Nation will receive \$201.40 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%. The bid amount is above the fair market value as to the mineral interest.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-024. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-024 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 22-025, Oil and Gas Lease in Pittsburg County (Tribal Tract B McAlester Watershed)

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Chesapeake Exploration Limited Partnership, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, who submitted an acceptable bid of \$702.00

per acre for a total bonus of \$184,766.40, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive \$46,191.60. The property belongs to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations in Pittsburg County, Oklahoma, containing 263.20 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of \$789.60. The Chickasaw Nation will receive \$197.40 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%. The bid amount is above the fair market value as to the mineral interest.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-025. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott stated she had a financial interest in the next three properties and would not participate in voting.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-025 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 22-026, Oil and Gas Lease in Pittsburg County (Tribal Tract - McAlester Watershed)

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Chesapeake Exploration Limited Partnership, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, who submitted an acceptable bid of \$702.00 per acre for a total bonus of \$238,680.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive \$9,670.00. The property belongs to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations in Pittsburg County, Oklahoma, containing 340.00 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of \$1,020.00. The Chickasaw Nation will receive \$255.00 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%. The bid amount is above the fair market value as to the mineral interest.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean

McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-026 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 22-027, Oil and Gas Lease in Pittsburg County (Tribal Tract B McAlester Watershed)

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Chesapeake Exploration Limited Partnership, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, who submitted an acceptable bid of \$702.00 per acre for a total bonus of \$449,280.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive \$112,320.00. The property belongs to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations in Pittsburg County, Oklahoma, containing 640.00 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of \$1,920.00. The Chickasaw Nation will receive \$480.00 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%. The bid amount is above the fair market value as to the mineral interest.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-027. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-027 carried unanimously.

Dr. Goforth Parker concluded her report.

(E) E D U C A T I O N COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Wanda

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Blackwood Scott

No report.

(F) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Mary Jo Green

No report.

(G) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Scott Colbert

No report.

(H) ELECTION RULES AND PROCEDURES ADHOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Steve Woods

Permanent Resolution Number 22-005, Amendments to Title 8 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Chickasaw Election Rules and Regulations)

This resolution amends Title 8 of the Chickasaw Nation Code pertaining to the Election Rules and Regulations. The Election Commission and Election Secretary/Tribal Registrar are in agreement with the changes.

Mr. Woods explained PR22-005 was tabled in the December Legislative Session. The committee met with the Election Commission several times to discuss this resolution and were ready to bring it from the table.

A motion was made by Mrs. Easterling to bring PR22-005 from the table. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to bring PR22-005 from the table carried unanimously.

Section 8-410A. was amended to read, "Ballots shall be counted invalid for any of the following reasons: more than one (1) ballot is returned in the official envelope."

A motion was made by Mrs. Easterling to approve PR22-005 as amended. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Green.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve PR22-005, as amended, carried unanimously.

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Mr. James Humes voiced his approval of the Saturday

Legislative session and made comments regarding the Chickasaw Utility Authority.

Mr. Mike Watson commented that he had asked for the financial reports of the Nation and eligibility requirements of the various programs and was provided the 2004 Progress Report and a Tribal Directory. He also commented about

treatment he received at the Ardmore Clinic.

Ms. Juanita Tate commented on the McAlester Watershed property and encouraged the Legislature to check on property that could be used for family entertainment.

Ms. Lavada "Sue" Hunter submitted a stipend proposal for Adult Chickasaws in College.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Goforth Parker, Secretary Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

It is time once again to feature our Chickasaw High School Seniors!

The *Chickasaw Times* would like to congratulate each of you on your accomplishment by featuring you in our May 2005 issue.

Your biography and photo will appear in this special issue if you complete the form below and mail it to us with a photo no later than *Friday, April 22, 2005*.

Senior Profile Form

Name _____

Home town _____

High School _____

Parents/guardians _____

(If parents are deceased or divorced, please indicate)

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Information about graduate (include school activities, extracurricular activities, future plans, etc.)

Please mail your completed form to
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Eula Pearl Scott



Services for Eula Pearl (Carter) Scott, 89, were April 1, 2005 at the First United Methodist Church, Marlow, Okla., with the Rev. Terry Koehn and Governor Bill Anoatubby officiating. Interment followed in Marlow Cemetery. Mrs. Scott died March 28, 2005.

She was born Dec. 9, 1915 to George W. Carter and Lucy Gibson at Marlow, Okla.

She attended Marlow Public Schools. She was one of the first seven employees of the Chickasaw Nation. She served as a Community Health Representative and was the first woman Legislator for the Chickasaw Nation. She was a member of the Marlow Chamber of Commerce, VFW Auxiliary and the OX5 Aviation Pioneers. She helped with the Cub Scouts and she enjoyed sewing, cooking and crafts. She loved flying. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Marlow.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Carter Roy Scott; and two sisters, Opaletta Williamson and Arnetta Jewel Carter Brooks.

She is survived by a son, Billy Joe Scott and wife, Linda Boyce, Virginia; a daughter, Louise Thompson, Florence, Ala.; a brother, George W. Carter, Jr., Marlow; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were her grandsons, Billy R. Thompson, Guy Scott Thompson, Craig Thompson, Bryan Scott, Bradley Scott and Carl Scott. Honorary bearers were, John Herrington, Governor Bill Anoatubby, Governor Overton James, Gary Childers, Rep. Ray McCarter, former Sen. Sam Helton, Harbour Whitaker, Jack Graves, Bill Renfrow, Penn Rabb, Bob Williamson, Dan Williamson, Art Williamson, Bob Hill, Kenny Gilmore and D.B. Green.

Josephine Olive Hackett



Mrs. Josephine Olive Hackett, a homemaker, civic leader, and longtime resident of Bella Vista, Ark., died on February 22, 2005, at a local hospital. Independent, until she began to weaken in the last three days of her life, she maintained her own home, plus two pets, with a unique combination of energy, determination, a wonderful mind, and well-honed faith.

"God just strung me together right," she always said.

Known as "Jo," Josephine Olive Johnson Hackett was born August 17, 1904, in Indian Territory, Oklahoma, in the small town of Chickasha. Her life spanned 100 years and 6 months of remarkable living. She was named for her grandmother, a woman with great southern charm and inner courage, who survived, as a baby, the burning of Atlanta in the Civil War.

Early on Jo had the desire to accomplish a lot with her life. As a little girl, she frequently helped her Dad, Ben F. Johnson, a rancher and banker, round up his white-face cattle, while riding her Indian pony bareback across the prairie. At age 12 she learned to play golf and became the youngest Oklahoma Consolation Champion. She continued to love the game of golf.

When she was 15, she bravely traveled to New York City, where she attended Miss Finch School. Then, in 1929, she received a BA degree in Music from the University of Oklahoma where she was also president of her sorority, Kappa Alpha Theta.

Jo's mother was Mary Alexander Olive. Jo had one sister, Mary Lee Johnson Gribi.

Jo was one-eighth Chickasaw Indian and very proud of that heritage. Hearing family stories of the Trail of Tears helped shape her belief that any hardship could be overcome. She developed great inner strength, combined with a big heart for

others. Her "can do" spirit was always accompanied by her kind manner and beautiful smile.

Her positive outlook, her warm loving nature, touched hundreds of people throughout her life, including her surviving offspring, Josephine Higginbotham, her only child; her three grandchildren, Nelly, Matthew, and Mary; and her three great-grandchildren, Hanna, Teo, and Anastasia Josephine, as well as her niece, Mary Jo Pettit, and numerous cousins.

She was a natural-born leader, serving on many civic boards in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where she and her deceased husband, Arch F. Hackett, lived from the beginning of their 55-year marriage in 1932 until their retirement in 1977 to Bella Vista. Those Tulsa organizations included The Junior League, Philbrook Art Center Auxiliary, Garden Club, Children's Day Nursery, Town Hall, and Gilcrease Museum. Jo also had a very successful career in real estate.

In Bella Vista where she lived for the past 30 years, Jo continued to find interesting projects to which she could offer her leadership skills and energy. She was a charter member of the Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista and the founder of the Bella Vista Living Memory Garden. Jo was recognized as "Bella Vista Treasure," named Outstanding Citizen of the Village in 1988. Last year she was made an honorary lifetime member of the Bella Vista Garden Club. She was also a member of the 10-Hole Lady Golfers and played golf until the age of 95.

He daughter, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, niece, and cousins will greatly miss her. She was devoted to her family; they meant everything to her. They will always remember her caring about them and for them, loving them so much, and continually encouraging them. She was their biggest fan and cheerleader.

Jo especially liked making her famous toffee candy, yet cooking anything delighted her. She loved giving parties. She sewed beautifully; she gardened; she loved working creatively with her hands. She adored animals, watched sports on TV, and even liked to bet on the Kentucky Derby. At age 97, she and her daughter attended the Kentucky Derby and she bet on the winner, Charismatic, and even got a hug

and kiss from Pat Day, a winner himself among jockeys.

She just plain enjoyed living every one of her days to the fullest. She added a special, sweet blend of "life" to Life itself.

The celebration of Jo Hackett was conducted at the Bella Vista Presbyterian Church, 1880 Forest Hills Blvd., on March 3, 2005 with the Reverend Jim Still officiating. A private burial was on March 4, at 2p.m. in Rose Hill Cemetery at Chickasha, Okla.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bella Vista Living Memory Garden, c/o Wanda Schrader, 2 Lois Lane, Bella Vista, Arkansas, 72715, or to the Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista, 1880 Forest Hills Blvd., Bella Vista, Arkansas, 72715.

Harold J. and Betty McDonald

On Saturday, December 4, 2004 the final disposition of ashes and commemoration of the lives of Harold J. and Betty Thompson McDonald were celebrated in a private ceremony alongside the Washita River in Pauls Valley, Okla.

Mrs. McDonald was born in

Maysville, Okla., and was a fifth generation granddaughter of Maj. Levi "Itawamba Minco" Colbert, Chief of The Chickasaw Nation of Mississippi. She was also the daughter of original Dawes enrollee Charles William Thompson, of Pauls Valley and Atha Powell of Timbo, Ark. She was extremely proud to be a member of the Chickasaw Nation.

Reverend Jim Buzbee, of the First Presbyterian Church of Pauls Valley, officiated. Doug Frazee of Pauls Valley presented a bagpipe accord.

Mr. McDonald, a World War II veteran, was born in Stratford, Okla. Some of the battles and campaigns in which he served were: Rome-Arno; Southern France; Northern France; Normandy; Ardennes; Rhineland; and Central Europe. He sailed over and returned from Europe on the Queen Mary.

Harold and Betty were married in Purcell, Oklahoma on August 11, 1949. They eventually migrated to the Dallas-Ft. Worth area. During their lives they enjoyed and were very proud of their three children, Carol Elizabeth, Danny Joe, and Cindy Lynne; four grandchildren, Laura Litchford, Chad McDonald, Aaron McDonald, and Clayton Pannell; and three great-grandchildren.

Their family offers this prayer. God of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer. Grant them our peace and let light perpetual shine upon them.

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Marguerite Cecelia Simonds

Services for Marguerite Cecelia Simonds, 94, Oklahoma City, formerly of Stonewall, Okla., and Albuquerque, N.M., were Tuesday, March 15, 2005, at the Criswell Chapel, Rev. Bob Langston officiating. Burial follows at Highland Cemetery in Stonewall.

Mrs. Simonds died Friday, March 11, 2005, at Oklahoma City. She was born February 5, 1911, in Stonewall, Okla., to John Hershel McKoy and Cecelia Burris McKoy. Her grandfather, Colbert Ashalotubby Burris, was a Methodist preacher and full-blood Chickasaw Indian. After graduating from Stonewall High School, she received her Bachelor of Arts and Science degrees from East Central Teachers College in Ada, and then obtained her master's degree from the University of Oklahoma. Mrs. Simonds started her teaching career when she was 19, teaching both elementary and high school in Stonewall.

She married Isaac E. Simonds in April 1932, and the couple moved to Bowlegs, Okla., where for the next four years she was the principal of Allen School at Bowlegs and worked with the Seminole Indian children. Later she was reassigned as a third grade teacher at Taylor School where her husband was principal. They later moved to Clovis, N.M., where she was an elementary school teacher and was assigned to train student teachers from the University of New Mexico and St. Joseph's College. In 1941, her husband joined the U.S. Army Air Corps, and they moved to Fort Bliss, Texas. After several reassignments, they moved to Dodge City, Kan., where she worked at the air base. After military service, they moved to Albuquerque, which became their permanent home. She retired from the Albuquerque school system. She later moved to Oklahoma City and was a resident of Epworth Villa.

Mrs. Simonds served as president of the Albuquerque Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority and helped sponsor the organization of the Beta Chapter. At the University of Oklahoma, she

was a member of Kappa Delta Pi, an honorary art fraternity. At East Central Teachers College, she was a member of Pi Kappa Sigma, a sorority which later became Chi Omega sorority, to which she was initiated at the age of 83.

Her hobbies included painting, writing, bird watching and sewing.

Mrs. Simonds was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Isaac Simonds in 1979; two brothers George Colbert McKoy and John McKoy; and one sister, Lanelle Bassett.

Survivors include a sister, Laura Heatley and her husband Robert, of Oklahoma City; three nephews, Edward Allen, Stonewall, Gerald R. Allen, Enid, Okla., and John Raybourn Allen, Russellville, Ark.; a niece, Cecelia Gosting, Dallas, Texas; and several grand nieces and

Doak Clark



Services for Doak Clark, 71, Mill Creek, Okla., were Feb. 5, 2005 at Pentecostal Holiness Church, Leslie Clark, John Clark, James Tisdell and Artie Quinton officiating. Burial followed in Mill Creek Cemetery.

Mr. Clark died Feb. 2, 2005, at Ardmore. He was born June 28, 1933, at Mill Creek to Clifford and Amanda Samantha Harris Clark.

He was a retired supervisor at U.S. Silica. He served deacon at Mill Creek Pentecostal Holiness Church. He had lived in the Mill Creek area all his life, graduating from Mill Creek High School in 1952. He also coached independent basketball and softball.

Mr. Clark was the great-grandson of Cyrus Harris, the first governor of the Chickasaw Nation.

He married Joan Bailey Dec. 4, 1954.

Mr. Clark was preceded in

death by his parents; brothers, Harris Clark, C.C. Clark, Leslie Clark and Maurice Clark.

Survivors include his wife, Joan, of the home; two daughters, Elathia Hodges and her husband David, and Elesia Kirk; two sons, John Clark, and Scott Clark and his wife Gayle; two brothers, Don Clark and Milton Clark; a sister, Evelyn Gale; six grandchildren, Randall Clark, Jahna Clark, Kami Kirk, Matt Clark, Trey Bond, and James Bond; and friend Sabrina; numerous nephews and nieces, that were very special to him.

Bearers were Ray Dodd, Bill Kiddie, James West, Brian Brister, Ed Henley and Jim Wilson. Honorary bearers are Ronald Aduddell and grandsons.

Millie Palmer

Mille Palmer, 74, died Jan. 1, 2005. Funeral services were Jan. 5, 2005 at Griffin Chapel with Rev. Melvin Palmer officiating. Interment was in McAlister Cemetery.

She was born Nov. 24, 1930 to Jimmy Phillips and Annie Mae Tom-Marris at Leon.

She married Raymond Palmer March 6, 1951 at Ardmore, Okla. She was a member of Northeast Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Raymond Palmer, Jr., and David Glynn Palmer; a brother, Patrick Henry Marris; and infant daughter.

She is survived by her husband, of the home; four daughters, Glenda Joan and husband, Wil Linderman, and Rebecca Ann and husband Jackie Collins, all of Ardmore, Lahoma Jean Lowe, Tishomingo, Okla. and Norma Rae and husband Tony Higginbotham, Garland, Texas; four sons, Jimmy Watson, John Adam, Winston Isaac and James Lynn Palmer, all of the home; two brothers, Edwyn Marris, Dallas, and Mart Lee Marris, Jr., of California; sister, Elizabeth Shoemaker, Ardmore; 22 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren.

Bearers were Wil Linderman, Tony Higginbotham, Luis Alvarez, Jackie Collins, Cecil Browning Higginbotham, II, and Tracy Washburn.

Honorary Bearers were James French and Conan Collins.

Our Mom's wish was for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren to accept God as their Savior.

Jimmy Palmer

Graveside services for Jimmy "Buffalo" Palmer, 46, were Feb. 19, 2005 at McAlister Cemetery with the Rev. Melvin Palmer officiating. He died Feb. 16, 2005.

He was born Sept. 15, 1958 at Ardmore, Okla., to Raymond and Millie Phillips Palmer.

He lived at Ardmore all his life.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Jan. 1, 2005; brothers, Raymond Palmer, Jr., and David Palmer.

He is survived by a daughter, Maranda Kay Palmer; his father, Raymond Palmer; brothers, John, Winston and James Palmer, all of Ardmore; sisters, Glenda Linderman and Rebecca Collins, Ardmore, Lahoma Lowe, Tishomingo, Okla., and Norma Higginbotham, Garland, Texas; grandson, Buster and soon to be born grandchild; 26 nieces; 20 nephews; and numerous cousins, aunts and uncles.

A wake service was conducted to thank all who sang hymns, brought food and flowers and attended the service.

During the time of sorrow we learn how much our friends really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be treasured.

Tommy Johnson

Services for Tommy Johnson, 75, were Feb. 17, 2005 at Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Donny Custar officiating. Interment followed in Enville, Cemetery.

Born Jan. 25, 1930 at Powell, Okla., to George and Lula Brown Johnson, he died Feb. 15, 2005 at Ada, Okla.

He loved playing pool and bingo. He was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church and a former barber shop owner.

He is survived by four sons, Danny Wells and wife Debra, Earlsboro, Okla., Randy Johnson and wife, Renea, Wayne Johnson and wife, Corliss, Love Grove, Okla., and Deana Johnson and wife Tina, Ardmore, Okla.; a brother, James C. Johnson and wife, Allie, Ardmore; a sister, Lula Brown, Stillwater, Okla.; 13 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Bearers were Kent Martin, Brandon Summers, Dustin Edwards, Randy Suggs, Eddie "Bear" Baker, Steve Johnson, Hank Taylor and Paul Johnson.

Bow Lane

Services for Bow Lane were Jan. 10, 2005. She died Jan. 3, 2005. Interment was in Milton Freewater Cemetery, Walla Walla, Wash.

She was born August 3, 1919 at Scullin, Okla.

She was preceded in death by, her mother, Ella Parker Vale; and sister, Wynema Vale Little.

She is survived by a son, Phil Lane, Jr., and wife; a daughter, Deloria Bighorn and husband, Jake, of Canada; four sisters, Marlema Vale Dugan, Oklahoma City, Lynn Vale Engles, Phoenix, Ariz., Verlayne Vale Omeara, Oklahoma City, Lois Ruth Vale Mueller, Phoenix; two brothers, James Vale, Florissant, Mo., John Wesley Vale, Albuquerque, N.M.; and many grandchildren.

All friends dear to Bow's heart, you are forever remembered and appreciated.

Note of thanks

The family of Doak Clark wishes to thank everyone for the food, flowers, plants, calls, cards, prayers, visits and donations.

A special thank to Rev. Daryl Patrick and Shirley and Mildred Clifton for being there for us throughout Doak's illness. A special thanks to everyone who participated in the funeral service and for those who provided the meal.

Thank you, to the Chickasaw Nation, we appreciate the services that were provided and the Chickasaw Nation Health Clinic staff for the caring support we received during our time of need.

We will miss him greatly and appreciate our relatives, friends and co-workers for your kind words, care, visits, phone calls, flowers, plants, donations, food and prayers.

God Bless you!

The family of Doak Clark